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THE MATCH... IS SET.

I'LL MISS YOU, BUT

THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH. AS A REFEREE, AND PERSONALLY, I DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS WITH YOU ANYMORE,

REFEREE NOWA.

CHAPTER 198

NATURAL DISASTER

HE WAS NO BIG DEAL.

!

IT'S GOING TO BE OVER.

OF COURSE I WOULDN'T BRING SHAME TO YOU, GRANDPA.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

REALLY.

MIDARA ISN'T A THREAT.

IF YOU LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME...

I TOLD YOU,

.....

IF...

THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS.

CHAPTER 198
NATURAL DISASTER

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HEY.... GRANDPA,

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TAP

OR IS TURNED OFF AT THE MOMENT.

THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED

IS EITHER NOT IN RANGE OF A NETWORK

IT SHOULD BE ME, YOUR GRANDSON BY BLOOD... RIGHT?

NOT MAKURO, NO, NOT ANYONE ELSE,

IT SHOULD BE ME, RIGHT?

DON'T YOU HAVE EARS?

!

WHAAAA AAAAAA AAAAAAT!?

I TOLD YOU ALREADY,

THE MATCH IS OVER.

SO OO OO

I CAN DO IT...

CAN DO IT!

COUNT ON MEEEEE, LIKE MEEEE!

DOES IT...

DOES IIIT...

MEEEE...

LOOK AT...

THESE EARS THAT I GOT FROM MY GRANDPA....

HEY...

DOES IT LOOK LIKE I DONT HAVE EEEEARS?

!!

AH, THAT SWORD IS DULLED,

BUT IT'S REAL, DIRECTOR!

LOOOOOK

LOOK CLOSELY!

DOES IT LOOK LIKE I DON'T HAVE EARS!?

I WON'T LOOK.

ONE OF THE STRONG.

YOU ARE NO LONGER

YOU...

YOU FULFILLED IT.

BUT

SPECTA-CULARLY.

FULFILLED YOUR DUTY AS A REFEREE

AS YOU SAID,

SEEMS LIKE I COULDN'T WIN AGAINST A REFEREE...

HEY,

WHAT IS THIS?

NOTHING IS ON AIR!

IT JUST CUT TO BLACK!!

AH

KYA AAAH!

HE...

HE'S DEAD.

REFEREE MIDARA...

RE-...

RECOVER REFEREE NOWA IMMEDIATELY.

YES, SIR.

HE'S STILL... ALIVE...

THE BLADE HAS BEEN DULLED SO THE WOUND WHERE IT STABBED INTO HIS RIB SHOULD NOT BE SO DEEP.

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG IN THE MASTER CONTROL, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS...

THE BROADCAST HAS BEEN STOPPED.

ACCORDING TO THE STUDIO CONTROL ROOM,

A REPORT, REFEREE MIDARA.

WE WILL DEFINITELY STOP THE BROADCAST.

BUT

NO, I THINK IT HAS ALREADY BEEN STOPPED.

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JUDGING BY THE CONTENTS OF THE PROGRAM, USOGUI'S NEW ALIBI SEEMS TO BE THE REAL DEAL.

AND IT'S USOGUI, AFTER ALL,

I HAVE ALREADY SENT MY GRANDSON THERE... WE MAY LOSE ONE OF THEM.

BUT THIS WAS ORIGINALLY MEANT TO BE A DUTY THAT KAKEROU UNDERTAKES.

SHUEI TV,

I TOLD YOU... RIGHT?

THE DECISION REGARDING SHUEI TV HAS BEEN DECIDED.

IF MY GRANDSON CAN'T STOP THE BROADCAST, THERE WILL BE A LITTLE ACCIDENT.

HE PROBABLY HAS EVIDENCE PREPARED THAT CAN'T BE BURIED ONCE IT'S BROADCASTED.

AT THE MOMENT WHEN PANEL C IS GOING TO BE OPENED,

LISTEN... THIS IS ONLY AN ACCIDENT.

THE UTILITY TUNNEL 60 METERS BELOW THE SURFACE,

WITH THIS

THE OPTICAL FIBER CABLES DOWN THERE WILL BE CUT.

SHUEI TV

RADIO WAVES

RADIO TOWER

AFTER THAT, AS A BACKUP, THE METHOD FROM BEFORE THE OPTICAL FIBER CABLES WERE INSTALLED WILL BE USED AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE.

WHICH MEANS THE STATION WILL DIRECTLY TRANSMIT RADIO WAVES TO THE TOWER.

SEVERED

SHUEI TV

NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

RADIO TOWER

←TO THE LOCAL BROADCAST STATION

COMMUNICATION VIA THE OPTICAL CONNECTION TO THE LOCAL BROADCAST STATION AND THE RADIO TOWER WILL BECOME IMPOSSIBLE.

I ARRANGED FOR THAT LITTLE ACCIDENT TO BE CONSIDERED A RESULT OF POOR MAINTENANCE AND WRAPPED UP.

THE ONLY OPTION LEFT WAS TO DESTROY THE UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CABLES AND THE EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM IN THE RADIO TOWER.

IT'S UNREALISTIC TO INFLUENCE THE ADMINI-STRATION, ALSO THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME.

CONCERNING THE RADIO TOWER, I THOUGHT ABOUT LEVERAGING THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO ORDER A BROADCAST SHUTDOWN, BUT THAT'S TOO LARGE SCALE.

AND THE 1 MILLION AND 400 THOUSAND HOUSEHOLDS IN THE KANTO REGION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VIEW ANY OF THE FLAGSHIP STATIONS' PROGRAMS.

WITHOUT POWER, THE RADIO TOWER WILL FOR SOME TIME BE A SIMPLE METAL TOWER.

AND WITHOUT THE OPTIC CABLES, SHUEI TV'S NATIONWIDE BROADCASTS WILL BE STOPPED.

A NATURAL DISASTER THAT OCCURRED FAR OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF REFEREES.

SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED OUTSIDE OF SHUEI TV.

THIS IS JUST AN ACCIDENT.

AND WILL NIP THE STILL UNSEEN USOGUI'S TOTTERING

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KAKEROU HAS NO SHORT-COMINGS,

HE WANTS A POUND, BUT WE'RE NOT EVEN GOING IN FOR A PENNY.

AT THE BUD.

OI!

.....

HUH?

WHAT...

THE BROADCAST STOPPED?

DOES THIS MEAN?

WHO KNOWS...

ALL WE CAN BE SURE OF IS THAT NOTHING IS WRONG IN THE MASTER CONTROL.

NO PROBLEMS WITH THE MASTER CONTROL, STUDIO CONTROL ROOM, OR TV STATION.

THIS MYSTERIOUS BROADCAST TERMINATION HAPPENING RIGHT NOW

IS NOT BEING CAUSED FROM WITHIN SHUEI TV.

CHAPTER 199

ALIBI CONSTRUCTION

MAYBE SOME ACCIDENT HAPPENED

IN THE RADIO TOWER...

OR THE UTILITY TUNNEL UNDERGROUND.

BAKU-SAMA...

WELL,

LET'S JUST LEAVE THE SHOW AS IT IS UNTIL THE END OF THE BROADCAST TIME...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, CHAN-MIDA... NOW...

BUT FOR ME, BROADCASTING THEM WAS MEANT TO EXPOSE THEM WITH ACTUAL MEANING.

UP TILL NOW... AND ALSO THE REMAINING PANELS' INCIDENTS AND THE EVIDENCE AND CULPRIT THAT I PREPARED FOR EACH OF THEM, THEY WERE ALL TRUE.

I HAVE NO USE FOR THIS PLACE ANYMORE ...

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I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CAUSE WAS, BUT THERE'S ONLY A BLACK SCREEN BEING BROADCASTED.

THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT.

OSHI,

WE PRAY FOR A MIRACLE...

SEEMS LIKE THE RADIO WAVES AREN'T REACHING THE AUDIENCE.

NO, NO NO NO!

AM I AN IDIOT !?

BUT... WHA-...

WHAT SHOULD I DO.....?

I'M SAV-...

IT'S... OV-.....

IT'S OVER, OSHI.

WH-...

WHY.....!?

WHAT'S GOING ON!?

BA-... BAKU-SAN.

A

ONLY A BLACK SCREEN IS BEING SHOWN, WHAT...

A BROAD-CASTING MALFUNC-TION!

I DON'T REALLY KNOW... WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED,

GU FU FU...

HEHE.

NO... A STURDY SPIDER THREAD...

A LIFE-LINE!

IT SILENTLY CAME DOWN AGAIN,

WITHOUT A SOUND.

BUT THERE WAS NO WAY A PROGRAM LIKE THIS I WOULD ACTUALLY GET AIRED.

THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY CAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE TROUBLE.

OBVI-OUSLY IT'D BE STOP-PED!

FLASH

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I...

I...

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WE ARE TERRIBLY SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE. NOW RESUMING KY DECLARATION!!

E-EARLIER, DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, OUR BROADCAST WAS MOMENTARILY CUT.

YOU...

FUCKING ...

NUUU ...

WHAT THE HELL HAP-PENED!?

WHA- ...

COULD... IT BE...

COULD IT BE!?

C-...

PREPARE

THE "KARAMETE".

TOUYA-SAN.

AN EMER GENCY BROAD- CAST KY DECLAR ATION. EXPOSE THE CULPRITS.

HUH?

AT LAST THE PROGRAM HAS REACHED

THE CASE OF THE MURDER INCIDENT.

THE ONE SITTING IN THE GUEST'S CHAIR, PREFECTURAL GOVERNOR OF YAMAGUCHI PREFECTURE, KARASUYAMA.

OKINAWAN RESORT MURDER INCIDENT!! THE REAL CULPRIT IS...

THAT MAN IS MATSUMOTO HIDEO(25), CURRENTLY SENTENCED TO INDEFINITE IMPRISONMENT WITH HARD LABOR.

MATSUMOTO HIDEO (25)

AS STATED IN THE UPPER PANEL OF THIS INCIDENT, ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WAS CONVICTED OF THIS CRIME.

THIS POCKET TISSUE

HOWEVER THIS EVIDENCE,

WOULD BECOME PROOF OF HIS INNOCENCE! PROOF OF THE POLICE'S TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE! AND PROOF OF A NEW ALIBI!!

THE DAMNING EVIDENCE

HE INITIALLY PLEADED NOT GUILTY, BUT HIS ALIBI AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME WAS DISMISSED.

WAS A POCKET TISSUE WITH A DROP OF BLOOD FOUND AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.

THE CRIME SCENE IS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE RESORT, ABOUT A 2 HOUR CAR DRIVE AWAY FROM NAHA AIRPORT.

THE ESTIMATED TIME OF DEATH OF THE VICTIMIZED COUPLE WAS BETWEEN 10AM AND 1PM.

THE CRIME OCCURRED 3 YEARS AGO ON APRIL 24TH.

LOCATED AT THE CRIME SCENE WAS THE VICTIMS' BLOOD, AND A POCKET TISSUE WITH FINGERPRINTS OF AN UNKNOWN IDENTITY.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE BODIES WERE FOUND A FEW MINUTES PAST 4PM.

OUR "VERY TALENTED STAFF" FOUND SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THIS FACT AND WILL UNVEIL THE TRUTH DURING THIS BROADCAST.

THE BURIAL OF THIS EVIDENCE,

YES!! THAT EVIDENCE WAS MADE UP BY THE POLICE!

AT THIS TIME THE INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RELEASED THIS EVIDENCE TO THE PRESS.

IS STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR A POLICE INVESTI-GATION... HOWEVER

TO HIDE THE THINGS THAT ONLY THE ONES AT THE SCENE, IN OTHER WORDS THE CULPRITS, COULD KNOW

UPON CONDUCTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE SUSPECT, IT WAS FOUND THAT THE FINGERPRINT ON THE TISSUE

MATCHED THAT OF MATSUMOTO-SAN UPON QUESTIONING. HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THAT TISSUE IN TOWN.

THE INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT FOUND THAT MATSUMOTO-SAN HAD ARRIVED IN OKINAWA THE DAY BEFORE THE CRIME BY PULLING UP THE ITINERARIES OF INCOMING FLIGHTS TO THE AIRPORT THAT DAY.

OUR PROGRAM FOUND SOME INFOR-MATION.

WHY DIDN'T THE POLICE MAKE THIS PUBLIC...?

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ポケットティッシュ
無料
テレパーナイン番組
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THE CONDEMNING EVIDENCE, THE BLOODY POCKET TISSUE.

AND THIS VIDEO,

PLEASE LOOK AT THE DATE AT BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER.

04-24 16:25:20

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PLEASE LOOK HERE CLOSELY, THIS PART...

THIS IS THE POCKET TISSUE SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE.

IS DIFFERENT FROM THE POCKET TISSUE WE RECIEVED FROM THE SAME STORE.

APRIL 24TH 15:25.

THE DATE IS

THIS IS FOOTAGE TAKEN TO REPORT TO THE CLIENT WHO REQUESTED THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TISSUE THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEY WOULD BE HANDED OUT.

THE SAME AS THE POCKET TISSUE SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE.

THE TISSUES BEING DISTRIBUTED ARE

WE HAVE TESTIMONY FROM THE PRINTERS AND THE STOREKEEPER THAT THE TISSUES ARRIVED AT NOON ON THE 24TH AND DISTRIBUTION ENDED AT 5PM. IN OTHER WORDS.

THE FOOTAGE YOU ARE VIEWING SHOWS THE SECOND TIME CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE TISSUES ARE BEING HANDED OUT.

DIDN'T EXIST ANY-WHERE ON EARTH.

THIS EVIDENCE, ON THE DAY OF THE MURDER, UNTIL NOON,

OF COURSE THE POLICE CONFIRMED THAT THE TISSUE SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE WAS INDEED THE SAME KIND HANDED OUT DURING MID-APRIL IN TOKYO.

THE STORE ORDERED ANOTHER BATCH... UPON WHICH THERE WAS A CHANGE TO THE DESIGN.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE INITIAL ORDER OF THESE TISSUES HAD RAN OUT,

FROM NAHA AIRPORT TO THE CRIME SCENE TAKES AT LEAST TWO HOURS BY CAR ONE WAY.

2 HOURS

SCENE OF THE CRIME

2.5 HOURS

NAHA AIRPORT

HANEDA AIRPORT

CULPRIT

THE FLIGHT FROM HANEDA AIRPORT TO NAHA IS 2 AND A HALF HOURS.

THERE IS NO WAY THAT HE COULD HAVE BROUGHT TO THE CRIME SCENE ON THE 24TH SOMETHING THAT WAS PRODUCED ON THE 24TH.

MATSUMOTO-SAN, THE SUPPOSED CULPRIT, ARRIVED IN NAHA ON THE 23RD..

WILL TURN OUT TO BE THE "NEW ALIBI" FOR THE 24TH

THE INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT WAS NOT AWARE THAT THERE WERE 2 KINDS OF TISSUES.

THAT PROVES MATSUMOTO-SAN'S INNOCENCE, CREATED BY THE POLICE FORCE THEMSELVES.

NOW IRONICALLY THE CONDEMNING PIECE OF EVIDENCE

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近隣競合店のみなさま

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STO OOO OOP

THE HUSBAND OF THE VICTIMIZED COUPLE, TANAKA YASUO-SAN WAS AN ELITE BUREAUCRAT OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

OF HOW GOVERNOR KARASU-YAMA IS THE CULPRIT.

AW WW WW

AND NOW WE WILL GET TO THE POINT

EEE EEE EEE EEE

JUST CUZ HE'S GOT AN ALIBI

DOESN'T MEAN I'M THE FUCKING CRIMINAAAL! CAN'T CONVICT MEEEEEEE! DON'T KNOW IT'S MEEEEEEE!

SO FUCKING WHAT? A NEW ALIBIIIII?

FOOLS.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT, COOK UP MORE CONVINCING EVIDENCE.

YES, THE TWO HAD A MENTOR AND PUPIL RELATION-SHIP.

THE PROGRAM'S GUEST, GOVERNOR KARASUYAMA IS ALSO A FORMER MINISTRY BUREAUCRAT.

THE POLICE'S SHITTY FORGERY

GOT US INVOLVED...

ALL OF THE WITNESSES ARE IN THE PALM OF USOGUI'S HAND... THEY CAN'T BE OVERTURNED.

BEEP

TSK, SO IT WAS TOO LATE AFTER ALL.

EVEN THE SUPPLIERS OF THE TISSUES ARE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

THE COMPANY THAT HANDED OUT THE TISSUES, THE STORE-KEEPER,

ONE OF THEM BEING THIS KARASU-YAMA.

AND BEFORE TANAKA-SAN'S MURDER, THERE WAS AN ASSET GRANT INCIDENT.

THE TWO'S ROCKY RELATION-SHIP WAS WELL KNOWN.

AND THERE WERE SOME INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD STAND TO GAIN FROM THIS SUSPICION.

UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, KARASUYAMA HAD ACQUIRED LAND

FOR SAGAI LAND DEVELOPMENT. AND THEN SOLD IT FOR OVER TEN TIMES THE WORTH.....

WHY WAS TANAKA-SAN MURDERED?

PHEW~

CLACK

SLAM

AS I PLANNED.

SO IT WENT WELL, HUH?

HELLO~

HEAD OVER THERE NOW... ALRIGHT~

SO WE'RE GONNA

WHY DID THE POLICE GO SO FAR AS TO COOK UP EVIDENCE TO CREATE A CULPRIT?

THE BRUTAL MURDER THAT HAPPENED ON THE GROUNDS OF AN OKINAWAN RESORT.

THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS OF THIS INCIDENT THAT ARE STILL LEFT UNANSWERED. BUT THE PERSON IN THIS STUDIO,

CHAPTER 200
THE FRAGMENT OF MEMORY

CRIMINAL

THIS HAS JUST COME TO LIGHT.

WE CAPTURED KARASUYAMA ON SUSPICION OF MURDER.

IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIMSELF,

KARASU-YAMA,

WOW ...

.....

COMMITTED MURDER.

CHAPTER 2.06
THE FRAGMENT OF MEMORY

THAT'S RIGHT,

THIS PROGRAM HAS UNVEILED THE TRUTH BEHIND THE MURDER... AND UNCOVERED THE NEW CULPRIT.

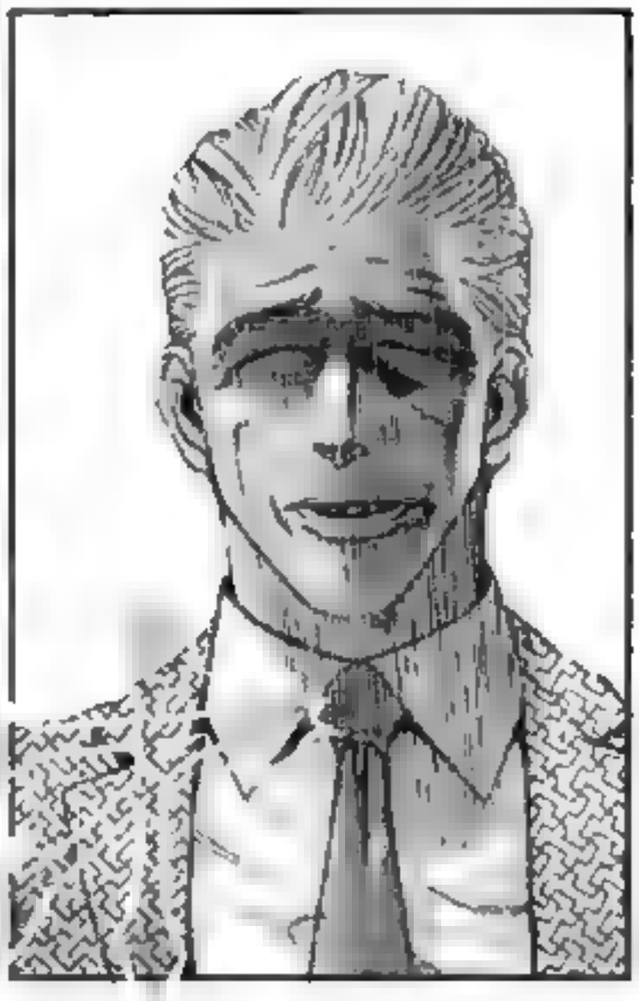
OSHI.

WE'RE ALMOST UP TO THE SCHEDULED TIME.

15 SECONDS LEFT.

WE'RE GOING TO COMMER CIALS.

NICE!



THERE WAS ALREADY HUGE FEEDBACK FROM THE BEGINNING BUT...

THE MURDERER WAS FINALLY REVEALED.

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DID YOU REALIZE? MADARAME IS GONE.

OSHI,

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE ENGRAVED IN TV HISTORY.

SINCE C HAS OPENED, IT'S GOTTEN EVEN CRAZIER.

EVEN WITH 30 YEARS OF TV SHOW EXPERIENCE, I CAN'T STOP TREMBLING.

THEREFORE, IT IS SAFER TO JUST PROCEED WITH THE ENDING SEQUENCE NOW.

HOWEVER, SINCE THE MURDERER HAS BEEN UNVEILED, NOTHING CAN TOP THIS CLIMAX.

THERE'S STILL TIME FOR ABOUT ONE MORE PANEL.

OSHI,

.....

CHIEF

.....

I WON'T STOP YOU.

DON'T BE FOOLED!!

EVEN IF HE BEGS FOR COMPASSION WITH TEARS DOWN HIS FACE!

THAT WAS

KANEKO-SAN,

HOW MANY YEARS DO YOU THINK I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YOU?

I... I...

IT WAS MEANT TO BE YOUR FINAL TASK AS HOST OSHIKEN, WASN'T IT?

YOUR RESOLVE TO CONFESS, FOR YOURSELF,

YOUR SUFFERING AND THE CRIME YOU COMMITTED,

BUT YOUR SUFFERING UNTIL NOW BECAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT,

IF YOU HAVE DECIDED TO FACE YOUR DEMONS HEAD ON,

THE TRUST IN THIS PROGRAM WILL BE LOST...

IF YOU CONFESS TO YOUR CRIMES HERE,

AND I WILL BEAR A PART OF THE RES-PONSIBILITY TOO.

AND ONE DAY

DO AS YOU LIKE...

LET'S MAKE ANOTHER FUCKING CRAZY PROGRAM.

SI-...

THAT DAY'S...

SIGHT.

I JUST CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD.

I... I'M SORRY...

IT APPEARS IN MY HEAD EVERY DAY... THAT...

IT'S NOT FAIR TO HER IF I SAY THIS, BUT THROUGH THIS PROGRAM,

YOU'VE SUFFERED ENOUGH ALREADY.

YOU REPENTED BY PURSUING HIT-AND-RUN INCIDENTS, RIGHT?

I WON'T SAY IT'S RIGHT...

BUT ISN'T IT FINE TO RUN FROM SOMETHING?

I CAN

I...

DON'T PUT YOURSELF THROUGH ANY MORE SUFFERING, EVEN IF YOU CONFESS, YOU'LL ONLY MAKE THE MEMORY OF THAT DAY REVIVE.

THE FIRST DAY OF KY DECLARATION... I REMEMBER THAT DAY TOO.

EVERY TIME THE SUN SHINED BRIGHTLY,

IT WAS A PRETTY HOT DAY FOR JULY, HUH.

YOU'D RECALL WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY.

OSHI... JUST REMEMBER THIS,

WHATEVER YOU MAY DO NOW, THE FACT THAT YOU COMMITTED THAT CRIME, AND YOUR MEMORY OF IT, WILL NOT GO AWAY,

AND THE VICTIM WON'T BE CURED.

WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT, OSHI..?

RECON-SIDER. I'M BEGGING YOU..

SO... WHY WOULD YOU...

DON'T GO... DON'T LEAVE ME ...

AT LEAST BE YOUR SHADE.

I CAN...

I CAN SHARE THE BURDEN WITH YOU...

WE'RE BACK FROM THE ADS IN

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I HAVE SOMETHING THAT I MUST TELL YOU.

TO THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WATCHING THIS SHOW,

BUT AS MY REAL NAME, KURANO KENICHI, MUST TELL YOU SOMETHING.

NOT AS I... OSHIMA KENTA...

UHH HHM...

FOR HER DREAMS... FOR HER FAMILY... SHE WOULD DO HER BEST AND NEVER GIVE UP...

BUT STILL ...

WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE, A HARD WORKER WHO CAME FROM AN UNPRIVILEGED BACKGROUND ...

IT... WAS... 3 YEARS AGO... ONE WOMAN

IT...

HER LIFE WAS... UM...

HER...

THAT STRONG WOMAN...

MER- ..... MER- .....

BY THE HANDS OF ONE... CRIMINAL ...

MERCI-LESSLY ...

FLIPPED UPSIDE DOWN BY THE CRIMINAL.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE REGRETS IT,

NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE OFFENDER ALSO SUFFERED,

THAT CRIME CANNOT BE FORGIVEN.

HER SUFFERING IS SOMETHING THAT EXCEEDS IMAGI-NATION.

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I...

I MAY HAVE BEEN HOPING FOR A DAY LIKE THIS TO COME.

I...

IT WAS ON A BRIGHT SUNNY DAY.

I...

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I...

WH... WHEN I REMEMBER THAT DAY,

I

I...

I...

YOU HAVE 5 MORE MACHIAVELLI CARDS, DON'T YOU?

YOU... HAVE 5 MORE,

?

IS YOUR HEAD OK, OSHI!?

WHAT'S WRONG!?

THERE'S NO POINT IN OPENING E!

WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING!?

OI, BROADCAST SOMETHING ELSE!

OSHI!

PLEASE... ON E...

PLEASE OPEN E... I'LL GIVE YOU ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY.

I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING OF THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT.

THERE ARE... SO MANY THINGS I DON'T KNOW... I...

WAS THE MOMENT I REALIZED I COMMITTED HIT-AND-RUN.

THE NEXT DAY WHEN I SAW THE CAR IN THE GARAGE

WHY DO YOU THINK I HAVE NO RECOL-LECTION OF THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT ...?

NOT THE MOMENT OF THE ACCIDENT, NOR THE SIGHT OF THE VICTIM,

WHY DID YOU KNOW IT WAS THE FIRST DAY OF KY DECLAR-ATION!?

WHY DO YOU THINK IT WAS THE SIGHT OF THE DAY AFTER?

KANEKO-SAN,

…

I TOLD YOU THAT I COULDN'T GET THE SIGHT OF THAT DAY OUT OF MY HEAD.

THAT SIGHT OF THE HIT-AND-RUN I COMMITTED THAT I COULDN'T FORGET.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I'M GOING CRAZY... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING ANYMORE.

SO I THINK IT'S NATURAL YOU WOULDN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.

EVEN IF I SAID THAT, YOU HAD BEEN DRINKING THAT DAY.

OSHI... YOU MISHEARD.

DO YOU... KNOW SOME-THING THAT I DON'T?

BY OPENING E AND ACCEPTING EVERYTHING.

P

SO I WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH OF WHAT I DID

THE TABLET USED TO OPEN THE PANELS IS HELD BY MADARAME.

E ISN'T GOING TO OPEN ANYMORE.

NO WAY...

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT,

!

NO...

?

OSHI,

IT'S USELESS.

IT'S OK!!

THE TABLET IS RIGHT HERE.

M... MII-CHAN!!

THAT WAS ALSO ME WHO OPENED C.

YOU'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO OPEN E.

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SAVE OSSHI,

IN OTHER WORDS,

SNAP

E OPEN!

ALL THE DETAILS WILL COME TO LIGHT!

AND NOW, FOR THE LONG AWAITED, THE HIT-AND-RUN INCIDENT OF E,

THAT CRIMINAL, COWERING

IN THE THRILLING DARKNESS IS!

COWERING IN THE THRILLING DARKNESS IS!

THE CRIMINAL,

CHAPTER 201
A COWARDLY HEART

THE CHIEF PRODUCER OF KY DECLARATION,

KANEKO SHIMAO (52)!

CHIEF ...?

CH-

3 YEARS AGO, ON JULY 17TH, SUSPECT KANEKO WAS DRIVING A WHITE SPORTS CAR THROUGH KIFUNE TOWN.....

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, OSHI?

HEY, HEY,

I'M TIRED OF TAKING CARE OF YOU EVERY TIME YOU GET DRUNK... WE'RE NOT YOUNG ANYMORE, YOU KNOW.

THANK GOD I CAME TO SEE YOU, OTHERWISE, YOU WOULD HAVE DROVE DRUNK.

I TOLD YOU TOMORROW IS THE FIRST DAY OF KY DECLARATION, SO DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH.

.....

AND I'M A CHIEF PRODUCER NOW... WE BOTH HOLD HIGH POSITIONS.

IT'S BEEN 14 YEARS SINCE YOU BECAME A FREELANCE HOST...

HEY, OSHI,

KY DECLAR-ATION, HUH...

THAT THIS NEW SHOW WILL ACHIEVE OUR GOAL THAT WE'VE BEEN CHASING... NO, WE HAVE TO MAKE IT.

BUT I HAVE A FEELING

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE, WE CAN'T DO EVERYTHING THE WAY WE WANT ANYMORE.

RIGHT ...?

RIGHT, OSHI?

OSHI ...?

RIGHT .....

SAN... I'LL DO IT...

KANEKO- ...

I'LL... DO IT!

!!

LET'S ...

DO IT TOGETHER .....

OSHI~

OI, OSHI, WAKE UP!

.....

HM~

I... I MADE A BIG MISTAKE!

SHE DASHED OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN,

SHE ...

THAT... THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T SEE HER...

ON THE FIRST DAY OF KY DECLARATION,

PANT

THE SHOW WILL INVESTIGATE THE HIT-AND-RUN CASE THAT HAPPENED A DAY BEFORE...

PANT

PANT

PANT

PANT

I GUESS YOU WILL RISE TO FAME.....

.....

AM I AN IDIOT...?

THAT'S NOT BAD... KUKU, ALTHOUGH THE SHOW WILL BE CUT,

OSHIKEN WILL EXPOSE THE CULPRIT... HUMPH... AND THE CULPRIT IS THE PRODUCER OF THE SHOW, HUH? KUKUKU...

.....

OSHI...

THE SCENE WAS FULL OF EVIDENCE, SO I GUESS I WILL BE CAUGHT SOON... OSHI...

I CALLED THE AMBULANCE IMME-DIATELY.

SORRY... OSHI... I CAN'T DO THIS WITH YOU ANYMORE...

KANEKO-SAN... WHY?

OSHI.

...

KANEKO-SAN,

CHIEF KANEKO!

CHIEF!

PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR!

BUT SOME-HOW

IT'S TRUE.

I THOUGHT I WOULD BE ARRESTED SOON,

I WAS GOING TO CONFESS... NO,

I...

I WON'T ASK YOU TO BELIEVE ME... BUT PLEASE LISTEN TO ME.

THE POLICE THAT DIDN'T INVESTIGATE THE HIT-AND-RUN CASE...

吉野太朗 (37)

AND THE GUESTS THAT WERE ABLE TO COVER THEIR CRIMES... THOSE ARE WHAT MADE ME REALIZE IT...

EVEN THE INFORMATION THE POLICE DIDN'T ANNOUNCE WAS MENTIONED.

DON'T TELL ME...

HE...

THE INTER-SECTION OF KIFUNE TOWN...

GET EXPOSED THAN THIS.

I WOULD RATHER THE MAKING UP OF THE HIT-AND-RUN

THE CULPRIT OF THE PANEL E THAT MADARAME PREPARED IS ME.....

IN THE MPD...

I KNOW A GUY...

THE POLICE DIDN'T INVESTIGATE THAT HIT-AND-RUN CASE ACTIVELY AFTERWARDS...

WHEN... WHEN THE UPPER PART OF PANEL E WAS FLIPPED,

I REALIZED EVERYTHING.

AT THE LAST MOMENT, I...

NO, FURTHER-MORE...

"THE THRILLING CRIME"... IT REFERRED TO ME...

I'M THE SAME KIND OF PERSON AS THOSE GUESTS...

I'M... A SCUMBAG...

EVEN WANTED TO LET YOU BEAR THE CRIME FOR ME...

YOU HAVE TO CONFESS YOURSELF.

I MADE YOU BEAR THE SAME PAIN AS MINE, AND COMFORTED MYSELF BY BETRAYING YOU.

I MADE YOU BEAR THE HORRIBLE CRIME... AND THE SENSE OF GUILT,

EXPOSE .....

THE BAD PEOPLE WHOM WE WANTED TO...

I'M IDENTICAL TO THEM!

BACK IN THE DAY...

I'M... IN THE END,

.....

TOTALLY THAT KIND OF PERSON...

GUYS, MOVE ASIDE,

LET HIM AND I HAVE A TALK.

KU

KU KU.

HEY, OPEN THE DOOR,

KANEKO-SAN.

MAKE ME LAUGH!

DON'T

EVEN IF I WERE ARRESTED, AS LONG AS KANEKO-SAN IS IN SHUEI TV,

THERE IS STILL A CHANCE THAT WE COULD DO PROGRAMS TOGETHER SOMEDAY IN THE FUTURE.

LET ME BEAR THE CRIME FOR YOU? TO SAVE YOU?

YOU'RE NOT THAT SHALLOW, RIGHT?

IT HAS TO BE "BOTH OF US", YOU CONSIDERED THAT MUCH INSTANTLY... YOU'RE INSANE.

BUT IF IT WERE ONLY ME STAYING HERE, IT WOULD BE MEANINGLESS.

NOW IT'S TIME... LET ME LEAD THIS TO THE END.

BUT THANKS TO THAT, I WAS ABLE TO KEEP BEING "OSHIMA KENTA".

I WAS DIFFERENT FROM YOU. DURING THESE 3 YEARS,

WHAT AN IDIOT.

I HAVE BEEN BEARING THE PAIN ALONE ALL THE TIME.

THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN REVEALED TOO.

IDIOT, CUT THE CRAP!

IT'S NOT THE TIME TO DO THAT!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

ARE WE GOING TO TIE THE CHIEF UP IN THE NAME OF THE SHOW...?

OSHI-SAN,

!

THE CLIP IS GOING TO END.

WHERE IS THE CHIEF?

STOP THE CLIP! AIM THE CAMERA AT ME!

I HAVE TO TELL YOU GUYS!

THERE'S ONE THING

THAT I'M THE ONE WHO ASSISTED COVERING UP THIS HIT-AND-RUN INCIDENT!!

AND THAT IS THE CRIME OF ME

KANEKO-SAN... WHEN WE FALL, WE FALL TOGETHER

I PROMISE YOU GUYS THAT I WILL NOW REVEAL EVERY-THING I KNOW, AND BEAR MY CRIME!

OSHI,

W-... WHY?

EVERYTHING ABOUT US... AND THE GUESTS AND THE CRIMES WE EXPOSED TODAY,

I COULD NEVER READ THE MOOD THIS WHOLE TIME!

AND WORK OUR WAY UP TOGETHER!

STILL CAN'T READ THE MOOD TODAY!

NO MATTER WHO THE HELL I EXPOSED, OTHERS OR MYSELF, I, OSHIMA KENTA...

DON'T WORRY... SOMEDAY IN THE FUTURE,

THE DAY AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FROM MY CRIME, I PICKED UP MY CELLPHONE...

WE CAN...

ALRIGHT~ IT'S DONE!

HEY, YOU, COME HERE.

!
AH!
EVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN DO IT BETTER THAN YOU!
IT'S JUST READING SCRIPTS,
WHY WOULD YOU CHOOSE THIS JOB IF YOU CAN'T EVEN READ KANJI PROPERLY!?
I'M NOT ACTING LIKE A BIG NAME. I JUST WANT TO COVER SOCIAL ISSUES INSTEAD.
WATCH YOUR ATTITUDE!
THERE'S SOME-THING ELSE I'D RATHER DO.
JUST...
!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING A JOURNALIST!?
OH?
YOU'RE ALREADY ACTING LIKE A BIG NAME, HUH?
NO,
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

TSK.

.....

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST GO FIND SOME SCOOPS!?

SLAP

IF YOU HAVE TIME TO WRITE THIS KIND OF PROPOSAL,

YOU BRAT,

THAT INCOMPE-TENT BASTARD.

HUMPH.

DAMMIT.

.....!

I WANT TO INVESTIGATE THE TRUTHS BEHIND ALL THE UNSOLVED INCIDENTS AND CRIMES... AND EXPOSE THE ENEMIES OF SOCIETY.

NOT THOSE SCANDALS OF ENTER-TAINERS.

THIS IS NOT THE PROGRAM I WANT TO MAKE. I WANT TO MAKE A PROGRAM THAT EXPLORES THE NATURE OF HUMANS AND CRIMES.

.....

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT,

I'M KANEKO.

HUMPH.

I HEARD THAT THERE'S AN ARROGANT NEW ANCHORMAN.

IT'S YOU, RIGHT?

.....

SEEMS LIKE WE WILL GET ALONG WELL.

THE PROGRAM...

YOU WANT TO MAKE.

...STILL MAKE IT...

IF IT'S US...

CHAPTER 202

PANDORA'S BOX

TODAY, ALL SIGNALS WERE GONE, TELEVISIONS BECAME SILENT, ONLY TIME WAS TICKING AWAY.

BECAUSE OF THIS PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH HAS NEVER HAPPENED IN THE HISTORY OF TELEVISION,

BECAUSE THE OPTICAL FIBER CABLES IN THE UTILITY TUNNEL WERE CUT OFF

AND...

THIS INCIDENT WAS TAKEN AS AN ACCIDENT.

AFTER 3 YEARS, THE MAN WHO RESIGNED DUE TO THE INCIDENT

THE POWER OF THE RADIO TOWER WENT OUT,

IN THIS COUNTRY,

WILL BE LIVING A LUXURIOUS LIFE, WHICH DOESN'T FIT HIS STATUS, WITH HIS FAMILY AT A SUMMER RESORT, BUT NOBODY KNOWS WHY.

ON THE OTHER HAND,

A HUGE RADIO AREA WENT COMPLETELY WITHOUT SIGNAL.

THE AUDIENCE WHO CAME TO WATCH TV IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY HEARD THE HUMOR OF THE PROGRAM,

AS WELL AS THE AUDIENCE WHO HAD BEEN WATCHING WITH BATED BREATH,

ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH ANGER TOWARDS THE BLACK SCREEN.

THE WHOLE KANTO REGION WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE ANY SIGNAL.

AND BECAUSE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE PROGRAM,

LOTS OF QUESTIONS AND SPECULATIONS WERE RAISED. WHEN THE AUDIENCE STARTED TO LOSE HOPE IN THE SHOW COMING BACK,

AT THAT MOMENT ...

AS I THOUGHT,

USOGUI IS WITH YAKOU RIGHT NOW...

IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FROM MY CRIME,

I PICKED UP MY CELLPHONE AND CALLED THE PRESIDENT OF MY FIRM..

HE SHOULD BE MOVING TOWARDS THE VENUE OF THE NEXT KAKEROU MATCH...

I BELIEVE HE HAD AIMED AT IT FROM THE BEGINNING.

WHILE THE PROGRAM WAS BROADCASTING, USOGUI HAD ALREADY CONTACTED YAKOU...

HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ADVANCE TOO.

CAN ONLY BE THERE.

THE PLACE WHERE HE'S MOVING TOWARDS

THEN USOGUI'S GOAL IS OBVIOUS.

AND THE OPPONENT OF THIS MATCH...

THIS FARCE WAS JUST A SETUP

FOR THE MATCH THAT IS GOING TO BE HELD...

IF ALL OF THIS IS GOING AS HE PLANNED...

THE RETIRED RADIO TOWER,

THE EMPIRE TOWER.

BAKU-SAMA?

YOUR DESTINATION IS THE EMPIRE TOWER, RIGHT,

*THE "NEW RADIO TOWER" AND "THE EMPEROR TOWER" WERE MENTIONED IN CH.186, P.17&18.

PLEASE DRIVE FASTER, DRIVER-SAN.

WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

OH, SO YOU ALREADY KNEW, YAKOU-SAN?

THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE AIMING AT, RIGHT, BAKU-SAMA?

AFTER THE NEW RADIO TOWER WAS OPENED, THE EMPEROR TOWER WHICH HAD FINISHED ITS JOB WAS GOING TO BE TORN DOWN DUE TO AGING, SO ALL OF THE RADIO AND BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN REMOVED.

YOU PREDICTED THAT KAKEROU WOULD DESTROY THE INFRAS-TRUCTURES,

AND KAKEROU WHO HAD TO MAKE THE OPTICAL FIBER CABLES AND THE NEW RADIO TOWER STOP WORKING WOULD PAY LESS ATTENTION TO THE EMPIRE TOWER.

AM I WRONG, BAKU-SAMA?

NO... I GUESS THAT ARMS DEALER, KARL IS IN THIS TOO.

SIGH~

THE ONE WHO'S ACTING BEHIND THE SCENES IS MARCO-SAMA, RIGHT?

SO YOU BROUGHT THE EQUIPMENT TO THE EMPIRE TOWER IN ADVANCE AND MADE IT WORK AGAIN.

THIS WAY, IT COULD SEND SUBSTITUTE SIGNALS FOR THE NEW RADIO TOWER.

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...

I WAS TOO BUSY TO ATTEND TO ANYTHING ELSE WHEN I WAS IN THE TV STATION, SO I HAD NO CLUE WHAT HAD HAPPENED~

IT EVEN MADE MY FACE TWITCH.

REALLY? I WAS VERY WORRIED THAT TIME,

I HAVE TO THANK REFEREE MIDARA...

BY BRINGING HIM TO NO PANTIES HOTPOT.

ALTHOUGH IT'S AN OBVIOUS RESULT SINCE HE'S A REFEREE...

BEEP

...WELL, FINE. YOU ALSO WON THE BET

THAT REFEREE MIDARA COULD SUCCESSFULLY PROTECT THE MASTER CONTROL.

THANKS TO HIS UNEXPECTED HARD WORK...

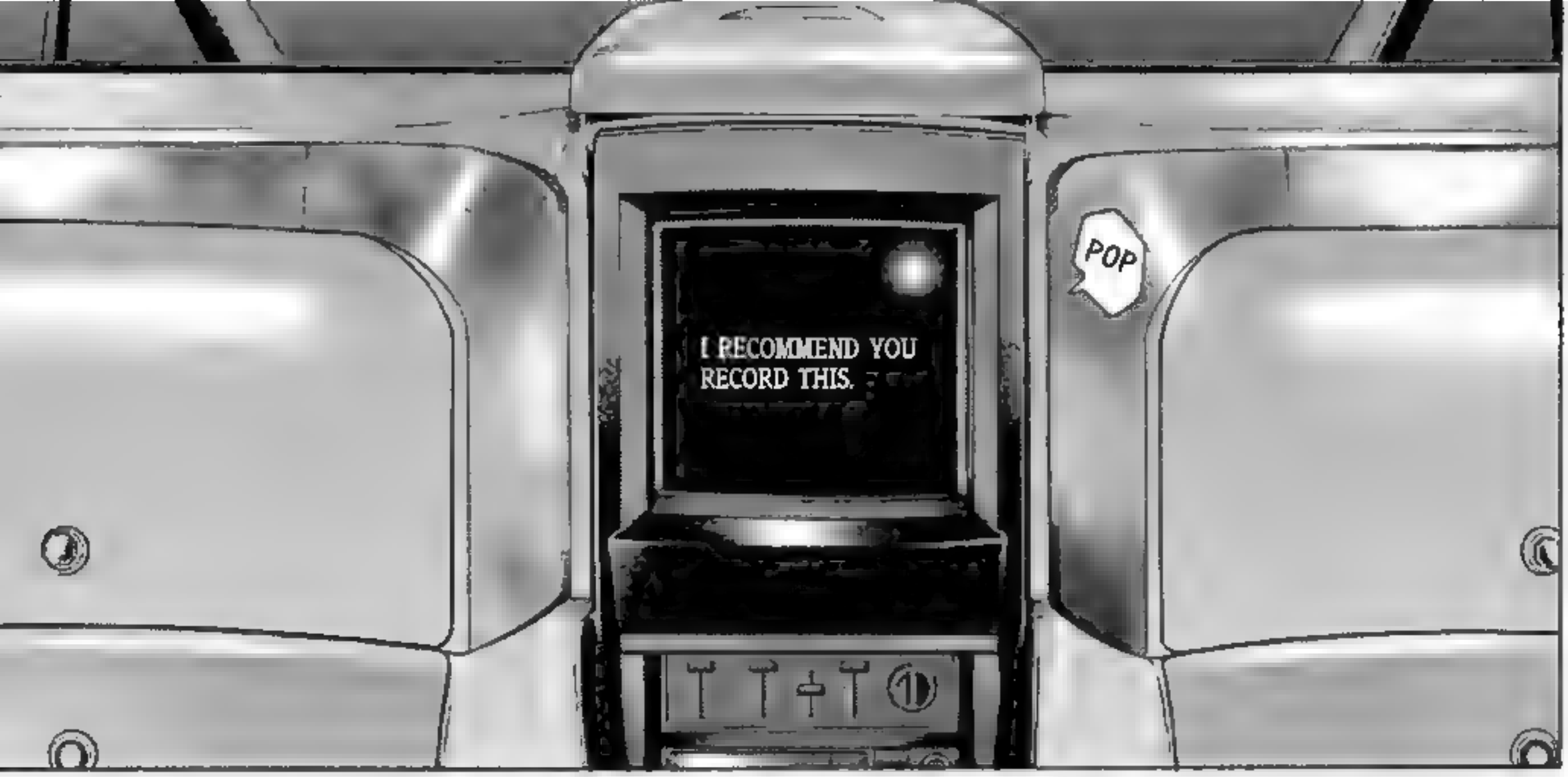
AND OSHIMA-SAN,

DARKNESS OF THE CRIME-COVERING SYSTEM MYSELF

I STEPPED INTO THE HORRIBLE...

GO, MARCO.

I CAN MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE L-FILE.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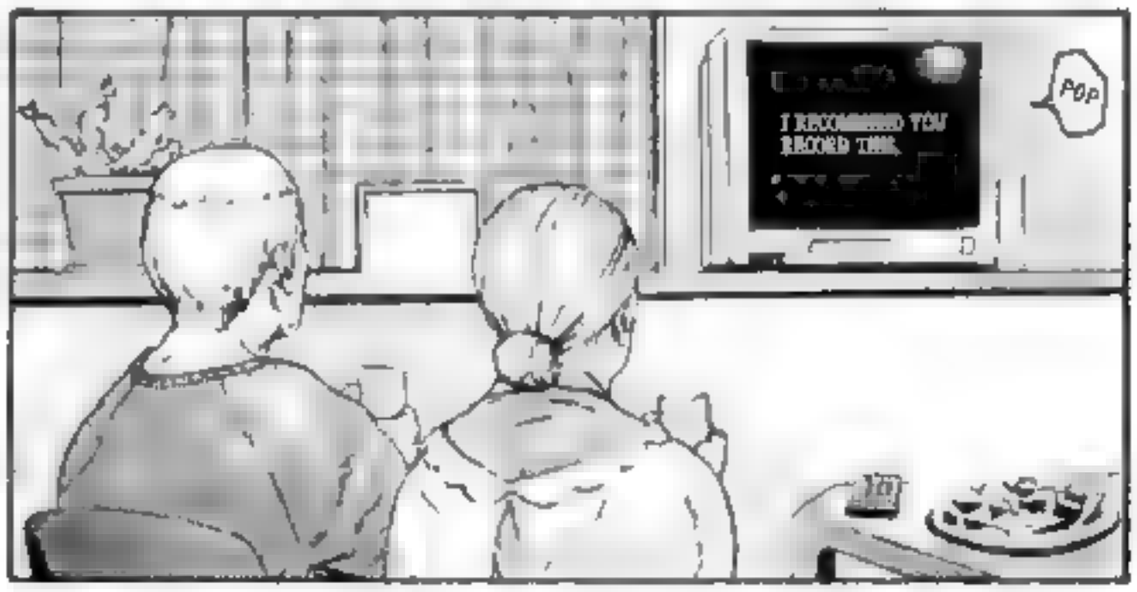
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I RECOMMEND YOU RECORD THIS.

AND YOUR EYES HAVE NOW OPENED A LITTLE BIT.

A PART OF THE FILTHY AND MUST-BE-EXPOSED DARKNESS...

EVERYONE. YOU HAVE WITNESSED

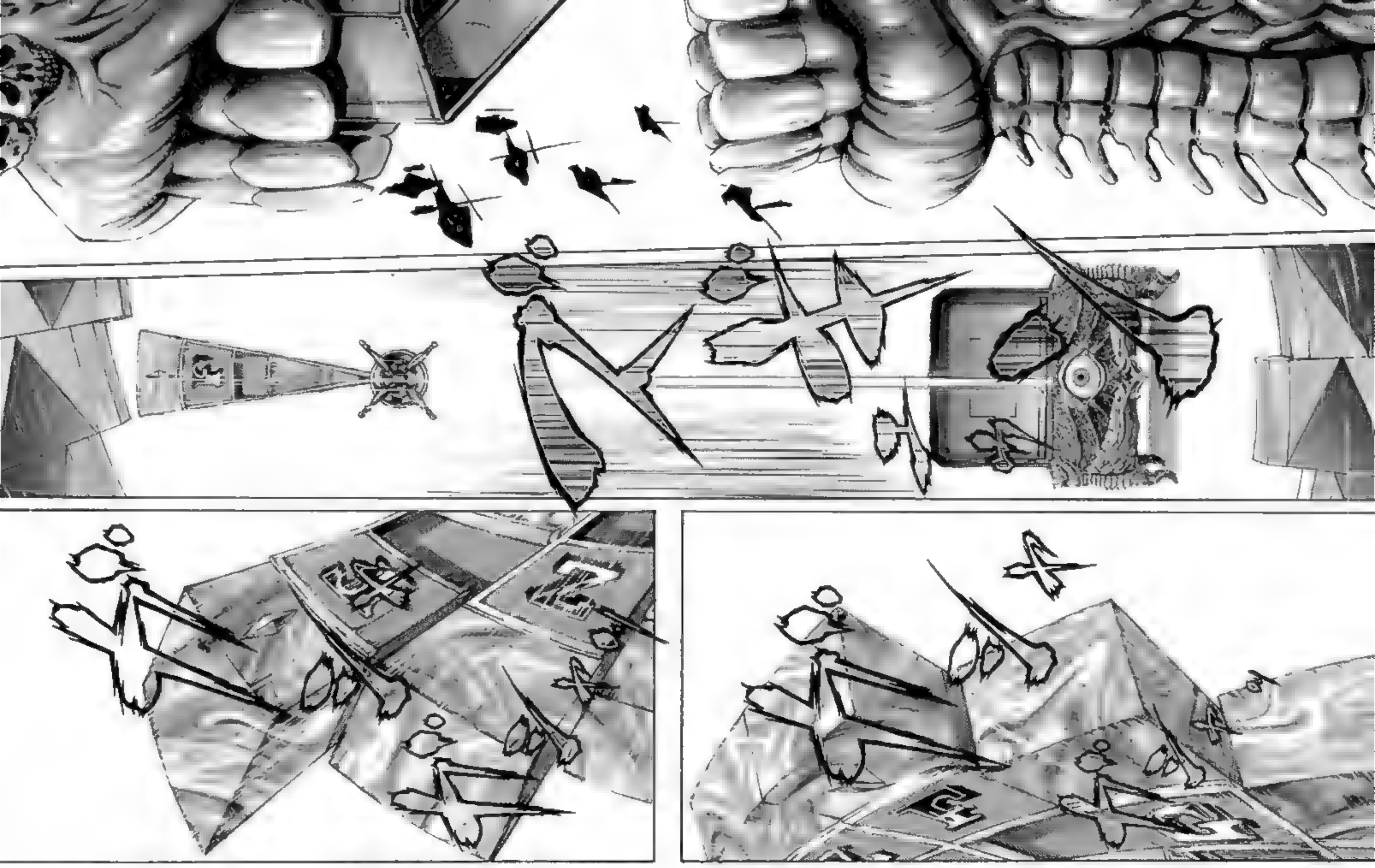
POP

NEXT, THIS PANDORA'S BOX WILL NOW

TO REVEAL EVERY-THING OR NOT...

THE DECISION IS YOURS.

SHOW YOU THE DARKNESS WHICH IS SLEEPING INSIDE ITS EYE.



AS I THOUGHT, USOGUI...

.....

BEEP

BEEP

THIS... THIS IS THE FOLLOW-UP!

IT'S THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE SHOW! EXPOSE IT! EXPOSE EVERYTHING!

ENGLISH LETTERS?

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IN OTHER WORDS, A BALL WILL DROP ON EVERY LETTER.

IT WILL POP OUT 21 BALLS SIMULTA-NEOUSLY.

THERE ARE, F TO Z, 21 LETTERS.

TO THOSE WHO MISSED THE PROGRAM AND PEOPLE WHO WANT TO WATCH IT AGAIN,

THE LEFT PART OF THE SCREEN WILL REPLAY KY DECLAR-ATION.

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FGHIJKLMNOP QRSTUVWXYZ

WHEN WILL THE BALLS BE RELEASED?

IT STILL NEEDS SOME TIME.

LOTS OF THEM SHOULD BE WATCHING THIS PROGRAM, FEARING THAT MAYBE THEY WILL BE THE NEXT ONE TO BE EXPOSED.

AMONG THOSE USERS,

THIS PROGRAM IS OUT OF CONTROL, IT HAS BECOME A PUBLIC TRIAL PROGRAM.

USOGUI'S GOAL WAS TO HIJACK THE TELEVISION SIGNAL.

THOSE LETTERS... I'M AFRAID THOSE ARE THE L-FILE'S USERS' CRIMES THAT WERE CHOSEN PARTICULARLY BY USOGUI.

AT THE END OF THE SHOW.

WHO MENTIONED THE CRIME-COVERING SYSTEM THAT HE HAD USED

THE HOST...

THE GUESTS WHOSE CRIMES WERE EXPOSED... AND,

RIGHT NOW, ALL THE CHANNELS ARE BROADCASTING THIS SCENE.

THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO IGNORE THIS.

OH

OHHH...

HOW... HOW MANY PEOPLE

ARE WATCHING THIS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM RIGHT NOW?

I'M TREMB-LING...

HOWEVER, FOR THOSE FOOLISH L-FILE USERS, THEY ARE NOT JUST TREMBLING.

NO WAY!

IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 4 TO 5 HOURS TO FIX THE NEW RADIO TOWER.

HOW LONG CAN THE HIJACKING LAST?

BUT WILL THE GOVERNMENT JUST SIT THERE AND WATCH...? OF COURSE NOT.

40 MILLION PEOPLE... NO, IT COULD BE TWICE MORE THAN THAT EVENTUALLY.

30...

IT WILL BE AT LEAST...

USOGUI HIJACKED A HUGE RADIO AREA, AND NOW CONTROLS THE TV SIGNALS OF THE WHOLE KANTO REGION.

IT WILL TAKE 2 HOURS... ..... 2 HOURS...

ONE HAS TO PASS THE CABINET CONFERENCE TO DISPATCH THE "JSDF".

CAN HE EXPOSE THAT MANY CRIMES IN 2 HOURS...? WHAT IN THE HELL IS USOGUI'S GOAL?

TO INTERRUPT THE BROADCAST, THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY IS TO USE A STRONG COMMUNICATION JAMMER.

BUT IN THIS COUNTRY, ONLY THE "JSDF" CAN PREPARE THE COMMUNICATION JAMMER IMMEDIATELY...

USOGUI WILL BE HAVING A KAKEROU MATCH... NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO GET INSIDE. JUST HOW FUCKING FAR HAS HE PLANNED...?

AFTER TENS OF MINUTES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL FIND OUT THAT THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNALS IS FROM THE EMPIRE TOWER, THEN THEY WILL SEND THE POLICE AND "SAT" TO SUBDUE THE TOWER. BUT BY THAT TIME, IN THE TOWER...

WE'RE ABOUT THERE, BAKU-SAMA.

HOW-EVER...

.....

IS...

IS IT THE... "KARAMETE"?

!

PRRRR

*TOUYA ...

*TOUYA MASATERU, REFEREE NO.3, PEOPLE CALL HIM "THE JUDGE", FIRST APPEARED IN CH.94.

YOUR DESTINATION IS NOT THE TOWER, BUT HELL.

BUT HIS COMPOSURE THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CAR, HE CAN STILL MAKE IT TO THE DESTINATION.

AS A DRIVER, HE HAS BEEN WELL TRUSTED FOR MANY YEARS BY THE ORGANIZATION. IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE OF HIS DRIVING SKILLS,

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A CALM MIND

GUNS,

NONE OF THESE THINGS CAN DISTURB HIS MIND.

KNIVES,

BLOOD,

VIOLENCE IS A ROUTINE IN THIS CAR.

BUT TODAY...

WHEN THE THUD OF AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED, HIS MIND CRUMBLED EASILY.

"THAT WOULD BE THE THING I WANT TO EXPERIENCE."

ONE DAY, HIS COLLEAGUE WAS SHOCKED BY HIS WORDS.

"A MASSACRE OF A BATTLE-FIELD?"

WHEN HE WAS SAYING THOSE WORDS, HIS BODY WAS COVERED IN BLOOD.

CHAPTER 203
A CALM MIND

I...

STAB

ADMIRE BAKU-SAMA'S SMART STRATEGIES VERY MUCH.

AH!

PARDON ME.

WHAT IS THIS FOR...?

UH~

AND EVEN SUBVERTED THE ALIBI THAT KAKEROU COLLECTED, WHAT A SCHEMER.

WHILE EXPOSING THEIR CRIMES, YOU WRAPPED UP 50 BILLION CLEVERLY,

.....

IN THE NAME OF A KAKEROU MATCH,

YOU HAD THE L-FILE USERS PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM,

I'M VERY IMPRESSED.

WHAT A HORRIBLE MAN YOU ARE.

TWISTING REFEREE MIDARA AROUND YOUR FINGER,

THE SPECTACULAR IMAGE OF YOU SPITTING UPON THE HEAVENS IS SO DAZZLING.

CREATING A CONTRADICTION INSIDE KAKEROU, YOUR CUNNINGNESS IS UNPARALLELED.

DONE.

ALMOST ...

AND BE DAREDEVIL ENOUGH TO ASK ME TO TAKE YOU TO THE VENUE FOR NEXT MATCH.

RIGHT, LEMME THINK...

EVERY-THING'S WELL THERE?

BY THE FACT THAT A BIG SHOT LIKE YOU WOULD CONTACT ME DIRECTLY WITHOUT GOING THROUGH KAKEROU,

AH~

THEN I WAS TOUCHED

YOU ARE A VULPINE MONSTER THAT HUNTS YOUR SAME KIND.

THERE'S NO WAY A MAN LIKE YOU...

.....

I GOT AN IDEA.

BUT SUDDENLY

YOU HAVE PREDICTED A SITUATION LIKE THIS, RIGHT?

I'M VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU WOULD DO IN THIS SITUATION.

ALTHOUGH I THINK IT CAN'T BE... DON'T TELL ME...

SO,

A JOKE.

THIS IS JUST A LITTLE JOKE.

WOULD GET CLOSE TO AN ACQUAINTANCE WHO IS NOT YOUR ALLY.

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.

YOU SIMPLY TOOK ME AS

A KIND GRANDPA WHO BREWS DELICIOUS COFFEE.

PRESS

IT'S COMPLETELY A JOKE... PLEASE TAKE IT AS A JOKE.

HAHA,

THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, BUT I'M NOT SERIOUS.

THAT'S LIFELIKE.

DOESN'T SEEM LIKE AN ACT AT ALL...

HAHA,

I'LL STAB YOUR FLESH, RIP YOUR CAROTID ARTERY

AND KILL YOU.

HOWEVER, IF YOU TRY TO JOKE YOUR WAY OUT,

EVEN IF YOU STAY STILL, I WILL DEFINITELY KILL YOU AS WELL.

I WILL STAB IT IN DEEPER, PIERCING YOUR NECK.

IF YOU PRETEND TO LEAN AGAINST THE KNIFE YOURSELF,

ALRIGHT, WHAT WILL YOU DO?

NO MATTER HOW IT GOES, IT'S JUST...

STREAM

SIGH~ YOU'VE GOT ME~

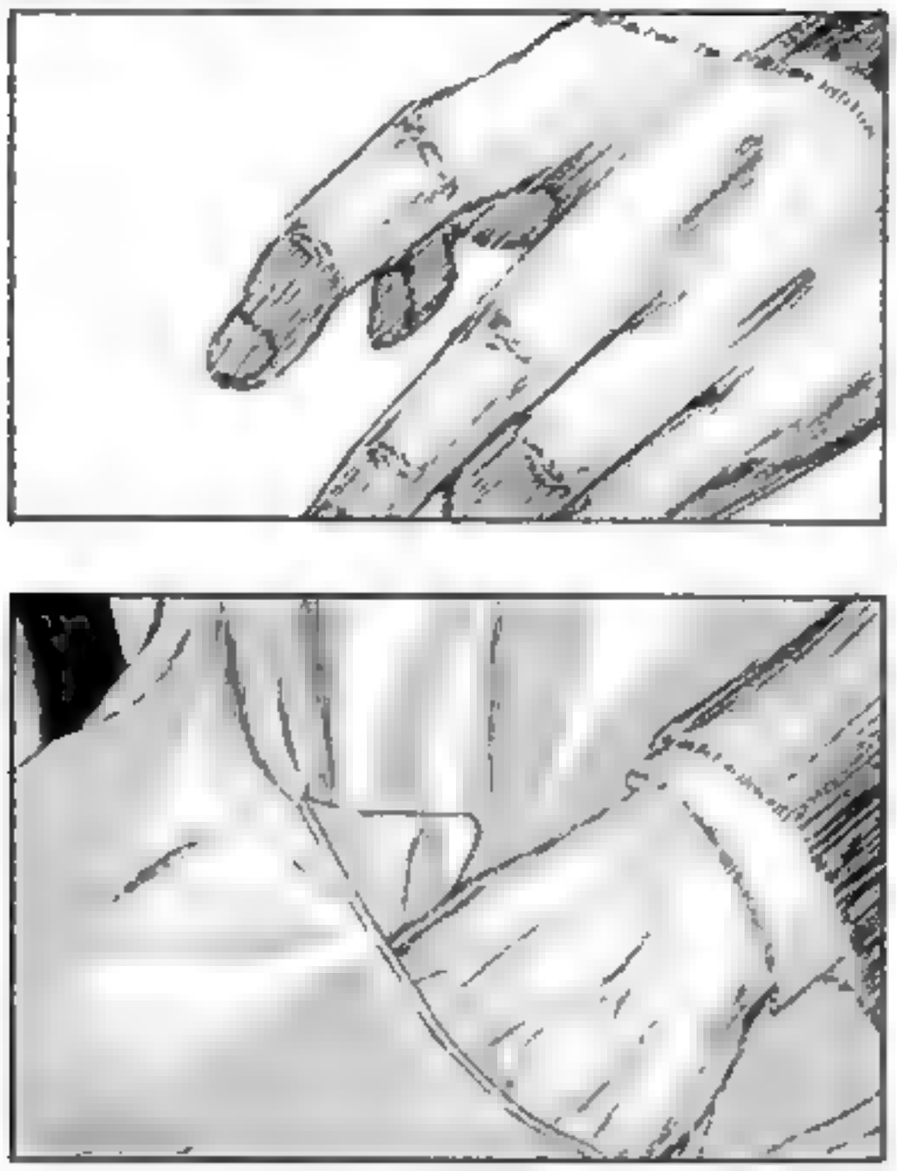
A JOKE TO ME.

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU,

YAKOU-SAN.

SO YOU CHOOSE TO JOKE,

ALRIGHT THEN...



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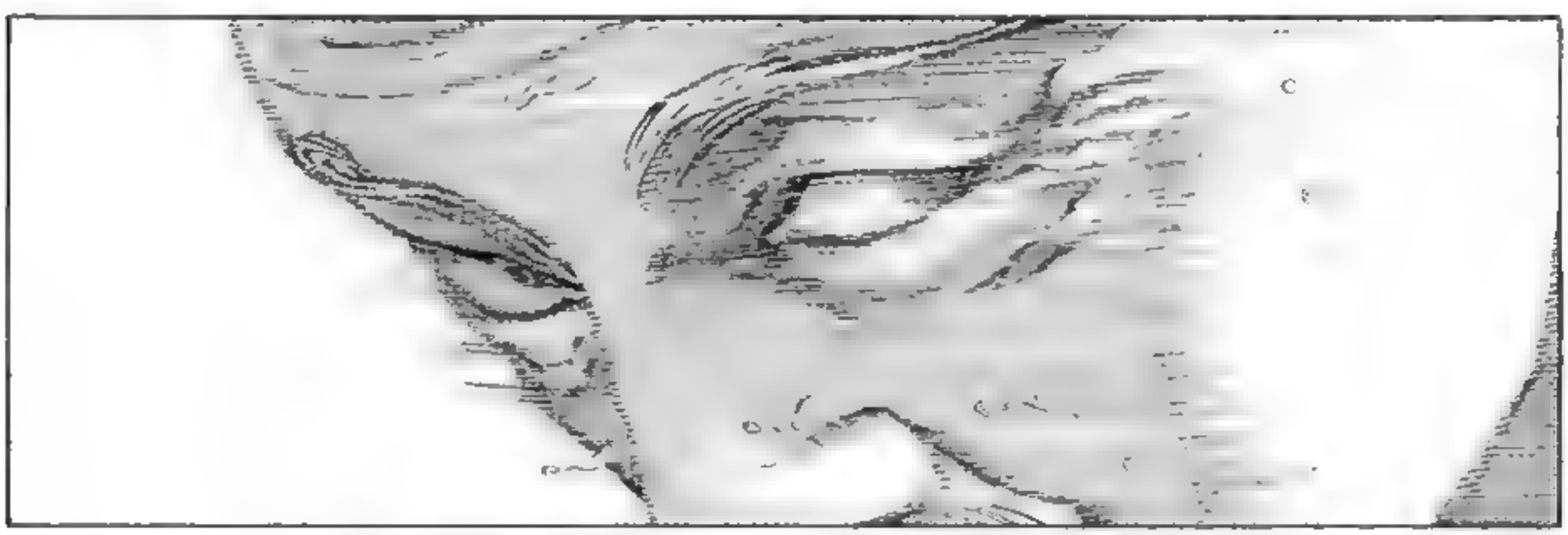

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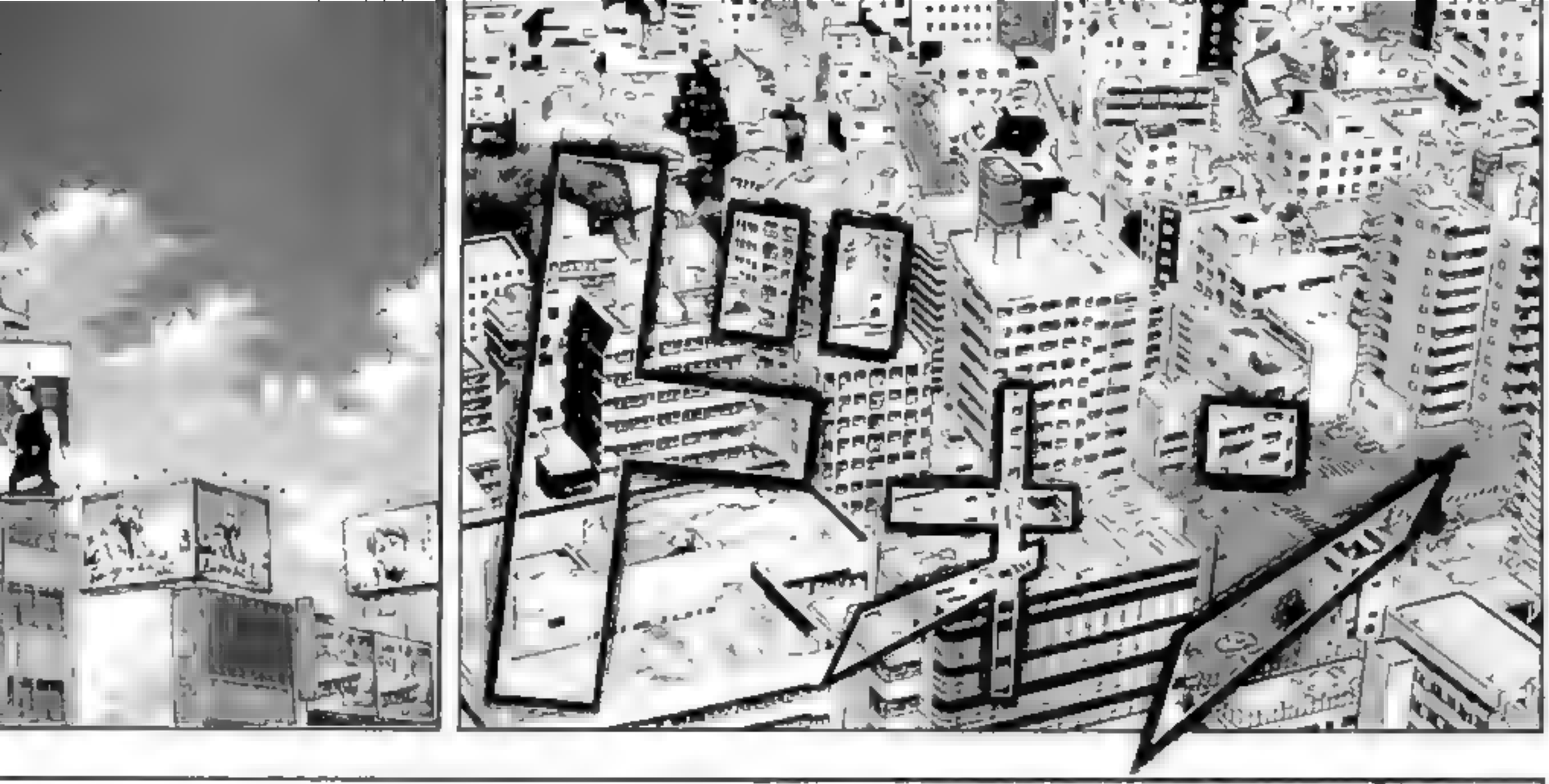

AN OLD DUDE DIED IN THE DRIVER SEAT!

I'M BUSY WATCH-ING TV!

WHAT WAS THAT SOUND!?

AN ACCI DENT?

TAKE SOME PICTURES!

NO, HE'S ALIVE!

HE'S JUST CRYING!

DON'T TRY TO FOOL ME.

TAKE OUT THE THING THAT'S STILL IN YOUR POCKET PLEASE.

FOR IT TO BE A *STUN GRENADE ...

I DIDN'T EXPECT

*IT'S NON-LETHAL, IT WILL ONLY MAKE A BIG EXPLOSION SOUND AND A STRONG FLASH.

BAKU-SAMA,

WELL,

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT IT NOW.

YOU RECEIVED THAT THING FROM THAT ARMS DEALER, RIGHT...?

IT'S AN M26 GRENADE.

.....AS I THOUGHT...

WITH A STUN GRENADE ON YOU, ALTHOUGH YOU WOULDN'T DIE... IT WOULD STILL CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE.

IF I HADN'T TAKEN OUT THE STUN GRENADE, THE M26 GRENADE WOULD HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DETONATED AND KILLED EVERYONE...

AND IF I HAD TAKEN THE M26 GRENADE OUT INSTEAD,

.....

THAT WAS THE OTHER THING I TOUCHED IN YOUR POCKET.

?

I TOLD YOU... IT WAS JUST A JOKE.

I WAS ABOUT TO BE KILLED, OF COURSE I WOULD DO ANYTHING AT ALL COSTS.

.....

HEY, YAKOU-SAN.

YOU BIG LIAR.

WHAT WAS THAT FOR...? WHY WOULD YOU MAKE SUCH A DANGEROUS BET...?

IN THE FIRST PLACE,

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YAKOU-SAN?

YOU EVEN RISKED YOUR OWN LIFE, TRYING TO MOVE ME.

PLEASE HURRY.

WILL TAKE OVER THE NO.0 POSTITION.

I HOPE YOU...

IF

THERE'S A CHANCE ONE DAY,

BEFORE I WITHER.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ...

THANK YOU, YAKOU-SAN.

RIGHT, BAKU-SAMA?

IT WAS ALL FOR SAYING THOSE WORDS TO ME,

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OVER HERE HIDING THAT THING,

.....

ALRIGHT, THE TOWER IS IN SIGHT,

LET'S GO.

A BIG LIAR

.....

BOTH OF US ARE...

.....

CHAPTER 204

EMPIRE TOWER

KARAMETE IS NOT A FRONTAL ATTACK.

IT'S A STRATEGY THAT ATTACKS FROM BEHIND.

AS "KARAMETE", THAT'S THE ORIGIN OF THIS STRATEGY.

IN ANCIENT TIMES, PEOPLE REFERRED TO THE BACKDOORS, THE BLIND SPOT OF CASTLES OR FORTRESSES,

YOU LOSE.

YOU LOST THE MONEY THAT YOU BET YOUR LIFE ON.

THE GIRL WITNESSES THE BLOOD SPLASHING OUT OF HER FATHER'S BODY.

GYAA AAA AAA...

SAMURAI-SAMA!

OFFICER!

MY DADDY... MY DADDY...

SHE MEETS A *DOUSHIN WHO'S PATROLLING IN TOWN, AND HIS ASSISTANT CARRYING A *JITTE, THE CHIEF OF THE REGION.

IN THAT CASE, YOUR LIFE WILL BECOME A TRIBUTE TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

THE MAN'S EYES EMIT A GHOSTLY AND HAZY LIGHT.

*DOUSHIN: THE POLICE IN THE EDO PERIOD.
*JITTE: A WEAPON THAT WAS USED BY POLICE IN THE EDO PERIOD.

*BUGYO: IT WAS A TITLE ASSIGNED TO SAMURAI OFFICIALS OF THE TOKUGAWA GOVERNMENT IN FEUDAL JAPAN.

LITTLE GIRL... LEAVE IT TO US.

.....

THE DOUSHIN'S FACE WAS FULL OF GLOOM. THE TEMPLE IS ADMINISTERED BY THE TEMPLE-*BUGYO. SO THE TOWN-BUGYO CAN'T GET INVOLVED.

WHAT...? YOUR FATHER... IN THE TEMPLE...?

LISTEN TO THIS PITIFUL GIRL'S PLEADING...

PLEASE, PLEASE,

THE BUGYO'S EYES WERE FILLED WITH ANGER.

THOSE GUYS ARE KAKEROU, WHO ARE RUNNING AN ILLEGAL CASINO IN MY TEMPLE.

THE TEMPLE-BUGYO WAS PATROL-ING.

AND THE BUGYO ACCEPTED HER PLEADING.

BUGYO ISSUED THE COMMAND.

MAYBE I CAN USE THIS CASE ...

ALTHOUGH OTHERS HAD ALREADY REPORTED THEM, IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE TEMPLE WHO HAVE NO INVESTIGATING ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS UNRELUCTANT, HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LET THEM BE.

DESTROY KAKEROU, AS REVENGE FOR HER FATHER.

ALTHOUGH IT'S JUST FOR A LITTLE GIRL, YOUR DETERMINATION IS IMPRESSIVE... I ALLOW YOU TO ENTER THE TEMPLE... ALONGSIDE ONE OF MY MEN.

THE BUGYO ENCOUR-AGED THE DOUSHIN AND THE CHIEF LIKE THIS.

IF IT GOES WELL, I CAN LET YOU JOIN MY TEMPLE, AND INCREASE YOUR SALARY.

THE DOUSHIN'S ACTION WAS SWIFT AND FIERCE,

AND KAKEROU WAS DESTROYED, SIR!

THE LEADER OF KAKEROU FOUGHT AGAINST THE DOUSHIN, AND WAS DEFEATED.

AFTER THE BUGYO HEARD THIS REPORT, HE CALLED THE CHIEF.

HIS ABILITY IS QUESTIONABLE...

THEN HE FELL INTO A RIVER, I THINK HE'S DEAD. THE DOUSHIN IS A VERY CAPABLE MAN.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT CHIEF OF THE REGION WHO ALSO HAS A DOUSHIN LICENSE,

YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

THANK YOU, SIR.

THERE'S A CONDITION.

BUT...

YOU WILL NOW BE SUBORDINATE TO ME. I WILL ENDOW YOU POWER IN THE TEMPLE. WITH THAT YOU CAN GAIN MONEY AND INFLUENCE.

YOU'RE VERY CLOSE TO HIM, SO HE WON'T BEAR CAUTION AGAINST YOU... IT WILL BE EASY, RIGHT?

PURGE THAT DOUSHIN.

IN ORDER TO BE PROMOTED TO *ROJU, HE NEEDS MONEY.

SO HE ISSUED THE COMMAND OUT OF DESIRE.

THAT'S RIGHT,

THE BUGYO KNOWS THAT THE DOUSHIN WHO'S CAPABLE AND HAS A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE WON'T BE OBEDIENT TO HIM.

THE BUGYO'S GOAL WAS TO TAKE OVER THE CASINO OF KAKEROU.

*ROJU: IT WAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST-RANKING GOVERNMENT POSTS UNDER THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUNATE OF EDO PERIOD JAPAN.

WAS THIS MAN...

AND HOSTING THE GAMBLES IN THE TEMPLE, THE PERFECT ONE TO BE USED

THE ONE WHO'S SUITABLE FOR BEING HIS PAWN

THE BUGYO SET HIS SIGHT ON THE CHIEF FROM THE BEGINNING.

HAS BEEN CHANGING INEVITABLY. ITS VAGUE EXISTENCE... IS JUST LIKE A *MIRAGE(KAKEROU).

AS TIME WENT BY, THE WAY OF ITS EXISTENCE...

KAKEROU WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE SENGOKU PERIOD...

*KAKEROU HAS TWO DIFFERENT KANJI, THE MOST COMMONLY USED ONE IN THIS SERIES, 賭郎(GAMBLERS), AND THE ONE THAT APPEARS HERE AND IN THE 1ST ROYAL LEADER'S NAME, 陽炎(MIRAGE).

KIRUMA KAGEROUNOSUKE 切間 陽炎ノ助, (APPEARED IN CH.5, P.3)

I GOT IN AS PLANNED,

LEADER.

AS THE PLAN, THE BUGYO WANTS ME TO ATTEND THE CASINO.

EVERY ACTION OF THE BUGYO IS BEING WATCHED BY US... SOONER OR LATER, WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE TEMPLE FREELY...

I WILL GET CLOSER TO THE BUGYO, AND GET A HOLD OF ALL HIS WEAKNESSES.

IN ORDER TO GAIN HIS TRUST, WE SHOULD LET HIM MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS HE WANTS FIRST.

UM... WITH THIS, WE, KAKEROU, CAN CONTROL THE TEMPLE TERRITORY WHERE IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GET INVOLVED.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?

THEN WE CAN HOST MATCHES SMOOTHLY.

NO PROBLEM.

HER FATHER IS AT AIZU,

THE FATHER AND DAUGHTER CREATED A BIG ADVANTAGE FOR US AS A TRIBUTE,

LET THEM MEET.

WELL DONE.

KARAMETE

A TRIBUTE TO THE "KARAMETE".

AND CONTROL THEM SECRETLY.

MEANS TO LET KAKEROU'S MEN BLEND INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES OR THE INSIDE OF THEIR RIVALS.

HAD BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS POWERFUL FAMILIES...

BY DOING SO, THE MEN OF KARAMETE .....

AS THE WORLD DEVELOPED, KAKEROU HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY EXPANDING ITS POWER.

EVEN THE RICH BUSINESSMEN LIKE *RICE BROKERS WERE SURROUNDED BY KAKEROU'S MEN.

*RICE BROKER: A TYPE OF BROKER IN THE EDO PERIOD WHO STORED AND DEALT IN RICE. THEY WERE THE PRECURSOR TO BANKS IN JAPAN. THROUGH BANKING FEES AND LOANS, THEY EVENTUALLY ROSE UP TO BECOME VERY WEALTHY. (SEE WIKIPEDIA FOR MORE DETAILS)

WE HAVE ALLOCATED THE KARAMETE'S MEN.

LEADER,

AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS POLICE AGENCIES LIKE THE CHIBA PREFECTURAL POLICE, AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LIKE THE METI (MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, TRADE AND INDUSTRY), AND THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT.

AND ACCORDING TO THE E-MAIL FROM USOGUI,

THE ALLOCATIONS INCLUDE CIVILIAN-RUN ENTERPRISES SUCH AS BIG BANKS LIKE YOTSUI BANK, AND TEN SOMETHING BIG COMPANIES LIKE THE JAPANESE SECOND RANKED AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER, THE APPAREL CHAIN STORE THAT GREW RAPIDLY IN RECENT YEARS,

PLUS SOME LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, IT'S 21 PLACES IN TOTAL.

AND THAT'S THE NUMBER OF LETTERS IN THE HIJACKED PROGRAM.

A LETTER IS SUPPOSED TO CORRESPOND TO AN ORGANIZATION.

WHAT A MEAN MAN!

LEADER, YOU HAVE ALREADY PREDICTED THIS, RIGHT?

ARE NOT LIKE THE PROGRAM BEFORE.

THERE'S NO EVIDENCE PREPARED FOR THOSE INCIDENTS.

HE PROVOKED THE CITIZENS' EXPECTATIONS FOR EXPOSING THE CRIMES LIKE THAT, HOWEVER, THOSE LETTERS...

THEY ARE VERY WORRIED THAT THEIR NAME WILL BE REVEALED IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC.

THOSE L-FILE USERS HAVE DEEPLY BELIEVED THAT THE WHEEL WILL EXPOSE THEM.

I SEE.

BUT BECAUSE OF KY DECLARATION BEFORE AND THE HIJACKING OF THE SIGNALS...

HE INSTRUCTED THEM TO WATCH KY DECLARATION.

FROM THE BEGINNING.

USOGUI... HE HAD ALREADY SENT MESSAGES TO THOSE 21 L-FILE USERS...

YOU'RE RIGHT.

HE BROUGHT OUT THE CONDITION OF NOT REVEALING THEIR CRIMES,

FINALLY,

AND THEN TOLD EACH OF THEM THE LETTER THAT CORRESPONDS TO THEIR CRIME, FORCING THEM TO WATCH KY DECLARATION.

THE CONTENTS WERE "FOR YOU AND YOUR COMPANY'S SAFETY, I'LL RECOMMEND A MAN TO YOU", SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

AND THAT IS TO ACCEPT THE KARAMETE'S MEN.

WILL YOU ACCEPT IT?

AND THESE KARAMETES

USOGUI HAS GAINED THE CONDITION OF "SURPASSING THE LEADER", 50 BILLION.

THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT IT,

HOW DELIGHT-FUL.

BEING CONTROLLED BY BLANK LETTER PANELS...

WHAT HE WANTS IS FOR YOU TO ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE AT "SURPASSING THE LEADER" ...

WERE THE TRIBUTES TO YOU.

WILL YOU ACCEPT THESE KARAMETES OFFERED BY USOGUI?

LEADER,

AS EXPECTED, HE PREPARED A LARGE NUMBER OF KARAMETES FOR ME.

WHEN HE FIRST CHALLENGED "SURPASSING THE LEADER", I MUST HAVE THOUGHT THAT,

HE WAS A "NECESSARY TRIBUTE"

TO US, KAKEROU.

WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS BATTLE... BUT,

IF USOGUI CAN SURVIVE THERE AND GET EVERYTHING...

SOON, THE EMPIRE TOWER WILL BECOME HELL.

THEN I'LL ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE AT "SURPASSING THE LEADER".

KY Declaration Arc Review

Before KY Declaration

Sells a fake topic, lures Oshima to the scene, and then plays a fake accident. Then uses it to threaten Oshima and Kaneko to allow him to be the director of KY Declaration. (Ch.178~180)

Buys Shuei News by using LBO.(Ch.188)

Sends E-mails to the L-file users who were not invited to the program, tells them to watch KY Delaration.(Ch.204)

During KY Declaration

Hijack the Empire Tower, prepare equipment to make it work again, waiting for the New Radio Tower be shut down.(Ch.202)(These 2 towers were mentioned in Ch.186, P.17&18)

The show itself improves the credibility of the wheel program that comes afterwards. (Ch.204, P.15)

Gains 400 million from Takeda. (Ch.184&185) and 400 million from Karasuyama. (Ch.192)

Gains 50 Billion from Matsuyama.(Ch.188)

Mentions that he has a new alibi, which forces Kakerou to try to stop the program. Kakerou sends Mitora to stop the broadcast. As a backup plan for if Mitora fails, they will cut the optical fiber cables and disable the power of the New Radio Tower. Baku wants Kakerou to destroy the New Radio Tower's infrastructure, so he can hijack the radio waves.(Ch.194~198)

Midara VS Mitora.
If Midara loses, the show will be stopped by Mitora, then Baku's plan will fail, because Kakerou won't need to destroy the New Radio Tower's infrastructure.(Ch.194~198)

Mitora loses, so Kakerou destroys the optical fiber cables and the New Radio Tower's infrastructure.(Ch.198)

After KY Declaration was cut

Activate the the Empire Tower, hijack the radio waves.(Ch.202)

Sends an E-mail to Kakerou (Ch.199, P.8, 3rd panel), tells them to prepare the members of Karamete.(Ch.204)

Move towards the Empire Tower.

The wheel program starts.

Right Now

Has to protect the hijacked program until Kakerou finishes the Karamete. Will make Kakerou protect the Empire Tower by holding a Kakerou match in there, because Kakerou has the responsibility to protect the venue.

Has to complete the Karamete as soon as possible and protect the Empire Tower from the government.

CHAPTER 205

MEETING

HAHA~

EXCELLENT!

BECAUSE WE HAVE JUST

STRUCK DOWN THE HAMMER!

EXCELLENT!

ONTO THE ROTTEN RADIO WAVES OF THIS COUNTRY!

PEOPLE STILL KEEP LIVING WITH TWISTED LOGIC AND COMMON SENSE...

BUT EVEN IF THIS MANY INCIDENTS HAPPEN, THE WORLD ISN'T LIKELY TO CHANGE.

THANK YOU, MARCO BOY.

KARL IS PHILOSO-PHICAL.

.....

TO MARCO, THE WORD ROTTEN RADIO WAVES CAME AS A SOCK TO ME.

BY THE WAY, IT'S "CAME AS A SHOCK".

!

NOTHING CAN COMPARE...

BUT THEY STILL BLAMED THE SUMO FEDERATION AT THE SAME TIME, ETC.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE TV STATION WHO'S TOO ADDICTED TO THE SPONSORSHIP FEES TO BROADCAST AUTOMOTIVE COMPANY'S SCANDALS,

THAT'S RIGHT, WITH MY TAPES,

AND I SHOULD SECRETLY UNVEIL THE TRUTH BEHIND THE WORLD'S DIRTY SECRETS.

RATHER, DURING A CHANCE LIKE THIS, WE SHOULD CANCEL THIS DECORATIVE DUMMY UNCOVERING CHANNEL.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

Y-YOU GUYS...

AH,

I'LL UNLOCK THAT NOW.

THAT'S WHAT BAKU-NIICHAN SAID.

AND DURING THIS TIME, YOU SHOULD ESCAPE FROM HERE.

SECURITY PEOPLE, I'M SORRY.

THIS IS BAKU-NIICHAN'S CHANNEL.

NO.

DANGEROUS.

CHAPTER 205

MEETING

REALLY

THIS PLACE
IS ABOUT
TO GET

AH!

DING

BAKU-
NIICHAN!

MARCO.

THE
OPPONENT
ISN'T HERE
YET?

BEEP

I THINK
HE
ALREADY
CAME.

MARCO
JUST

ROTTEN?

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?

PROTECTED
THE ROTTEN
RADIO WAVES
FROM KARL,
WHO FELL TO
THE DARK SIDE.

PERFECT TIMING.

HUMANS ARE TROUBLE-SOME.

IT SEEMS THE OTHER SIDE HAS JUST GATHERED THEIR MEMBERS.

THERE'S THREE ON THE OTHER SIDE. I DIDN'T LET THEM IN UNTIL MARCO CAME.

I'LL CONTACT YAKOU-SAN NOW.

AW

HATRED.

ANI-MOSITY.

"SOONER OR LATER", WILL BECOME VERY DIFFERENT FROM THEIR INITIAL EXPECTATIONS.

IN LOTS OF CASES, THAT RELATION-SHIP,

WHETHER THE FIRST ENCOUNTER IS AN EXPLOSIVE MEETING OR A MUNDANE ONE,

.....

BUT,

WITH THEIR ABILITIES, SOME PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO INTERPRET THE OTHER'S ANIMOSITY AND USE IT AGAINST THEM.

THUS, PEOPLE

FACE ONE ANOTHER WITH EXPERIENCE, REASONING, AND SOMETIMES INSTINCT.

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE RELATION-SHIPS CRUMBLE AND REPAIRING IT BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE.

SOMETIMES, COM-PLETELY BYPASSING THE PHASE

"SOONER OR LATER",

MEETINGS WHERE THE FINAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EACH SIDE IS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING,

IT MAY BE THAT NO MAN HAS EXPERIENCED MEETINGS LIKE THAT...

MORE THAN THIS MAN.

MISTER RADIO WAVE HIJACKING HERO.

WHAT AN HONOR TO MEET YOU,

I AM SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PARTY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEMBER, NEKO NOBORU.

MY MY, ONCE I HEARD YOUR ATTRACTIVE WAGER, I RAN OVER TO PRESENT MYSELF.

HOW-EVER, GOD DOES EXIST.

IT SENT SHIVERS DOWN MY SPINE.

WATCHING THE FATE OF THOSE GUESTS MADE ME QUIVER IN MY BOOTS AND WET MY PANTS.

AS PER REQUESTED BY YOUR MESSAGE, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VIEWING YOUR PROGRAM,

I AM ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT BUT A RAMPANT LIBIDO IS QUITE A TROUBLESOME ORDEAL.

.....

THE LETTER Z THAT PERTAINS TO ME AMONG THOSE 21 LETTERS IN THE MESSAGE,

IF ALL GOES WELL, I MIGHT GET AWAY WITH SNUFFING 2 OR 3 MORE... JUST KIDDING~

IT FEELS AS IF I WON THE LOTTERY,

THIS MAN... IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN .....

.....

THIS Z EXPOSURE... IF I WIN AGAINST YOU HERE,

FOR YOU TO OVERLOOK IT, IS SUCH A PLEASURE FOR ME.

AND?

I AM NOT WELL SUITED FOR MATCHES.

WELL YOU SEE, WHILE I'M A POLITICIAN, HOW DO I PUT IT...

I DO APOLOGIZE, BUT FOR THIS MATCH, INSTEAD OF ME...

NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... LET'S HURRY UP AND...

AH!!

THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S RIGHT, I FORGOT!

.....

?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY AND...?

.....

WOULD IT BE ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS MAN TO PARTICIPATE IN MY PLACE?

I WOULD BE MOST DELIGHTED IF YOU WOULD ALLOW MY REQUEST...

DELIGHTED?

ALRIGHT... I DON'T MIND THAT.

SPLENDID!!

THEN ONE MORE THING FROM ME... NO,

IT'S NO BIG DEAL... JUST A TRIFLING MATTER.

AND...

YOUR 50 BILLION

IT'S GOOD FOR EVERYONE AS LONG AS YOU ACCEPT IT.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING WHETHER THESE ALPHABETS HAVE ANYTHING PREPARED, AFTER ALL.

SHOULD YOU REFUSE, WE WILL WITHDRAW... PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONDUCT YOUR UNVEILING OR WHATEVER.

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS STRATEGY OF STALLING FOR TIME IN THE TOWER FOR THE SAKE OF THE KARAMETE THAT IS BEING CONTRIBUTED TO KAKEROU,

WILL BE THE WAGER.

WE MEANT TO PROTECT THE TOWER'S BROADCAST FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE USING KAKEROU, THAT'S BEEN SEEN THROUGH AS WELL.

AND ALSO THAT BY CONDUCTING THIS MATCH,

HOW DOES HE KNOW SO MUCH...

IN THESE DIZZYING CIRCUM-STANCES, THIS MAN...

THAT THE 21 ALPHABETS DON'T HAVE ANY EVIDENCE BEHIND THEM.

THE RELATION-SHIP AFTER THAT CAN BE CHANGED

DEPENDING ON THIER BEHAVIOR.

WHETHER THE FIRST IMPRESSION IS GOOD OR BAD,

DID YOU CHOOSE THE WRONG OPPONENT, USOGUI...

HUMANS ARE TROUBLE-SOME.

WAIT WAIT, MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,

KAKEROU? REFEREE?

IF YOU WIN, I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE EXPOSURE, RIGHT?

HAS THE MATCH BEEN ESTABLISHED NOW?

THE REFEREE HEARD IT TOO, RIGHT?

INDEED.

HOWEVER IT TURNS OUT, AS LONG AS IT'S WITHIN THIER PREDICTIONS, IT'S ALRIGHT..

DON'T MIND. I...

BUT,

PEOPLE WHO USE OTHERS,

TO THEM, THERE IS A MOST TROUBLESOME MATTER.

YOU ARE ALREADY SAVED.

HEHE... I LEAVE IT TO YOU.

PLEASE DON'T WORRY.

I'M SAVED~ I'M SAVED~

AH~

WHEN THE PERSON

THAT THEY HAD BEEN USING AS A PUPPET...

...WAS SIMUL-TANEOUSLY

BEING MANI-PULATED

BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THEM.

BY THE WAY, UNLIKE THIS PIG, I AM A KAKEROU MEMBER.

NOW LET'S BEGIN.

IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS A MATCH BETWEEN KAKEROU MEMBERS.

REFEREE NUMBER ZERO WILL ARRIVE MOMENTARILY.

CHAPTER 206
REFEREE NUMBER ZERO

MY FACE, RAVAGED BY DISEASE, LOST ITS PURPOSE AS A FACE.

AND GOD GAVE ME THAT SECOND GIFT.

IN POKER, ME AND THIS FACE ARE LIKE A STEALTH BOMBER UNDETECTABLE BY RADAR.

DO YOU GET IT? I HAD BEEN A VETERAN PLAYER BEFORE THAT,

THERE'S NO GOING BACK FOR YOU...

EVEN THAT USOGUI AVOIDED PLAYING POKER WITH ME.

YOU ARE JUST A GRUNT WILDLY WAVING HIS SWORD IN THE DARKNESS OF THE FRONT LINE.

THEY SAY...

THERE'S NO USE CRYING OVER SPILT MILK.... AND

I

WILL HOLD THE SPEAR FIRMLY.

YOU WILL REALIZE YOUR RECKLESSNESS WHEN YOU GET SLICED APART.

THIS IS MY SECOND KAKEROU MATCH AFTER ALL, I AM WELL AWARE THAT KAKEROU MEMBERS ARE NO ORDINARY PEOPLE.

YOU NEED NOT WORRY.

I ASK YOU TO REFRAIN FROM YOUR BABBLING LECTURES AND EXASPERATING WORDPLAY, IT OFFENDS MY EARS.

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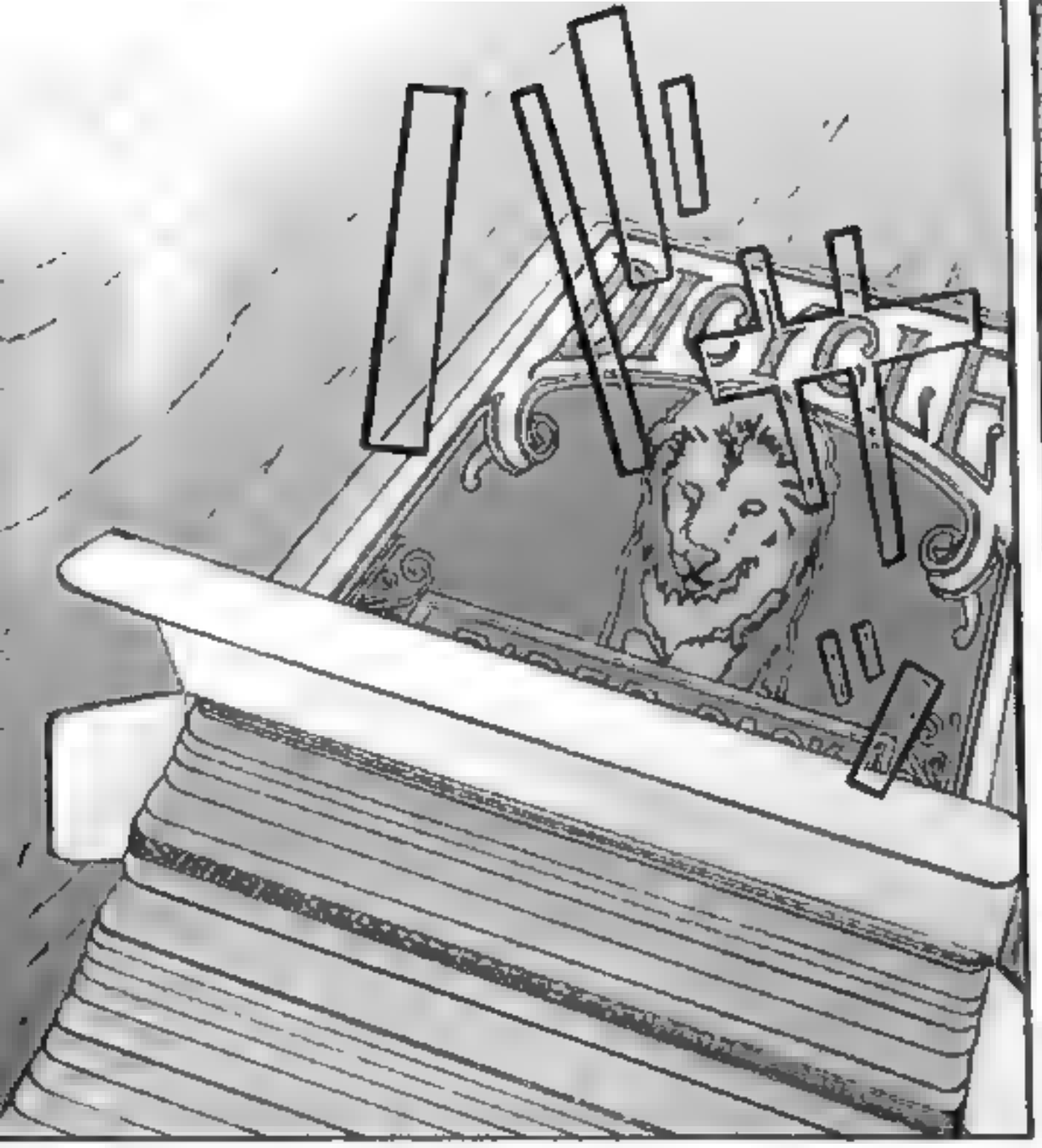
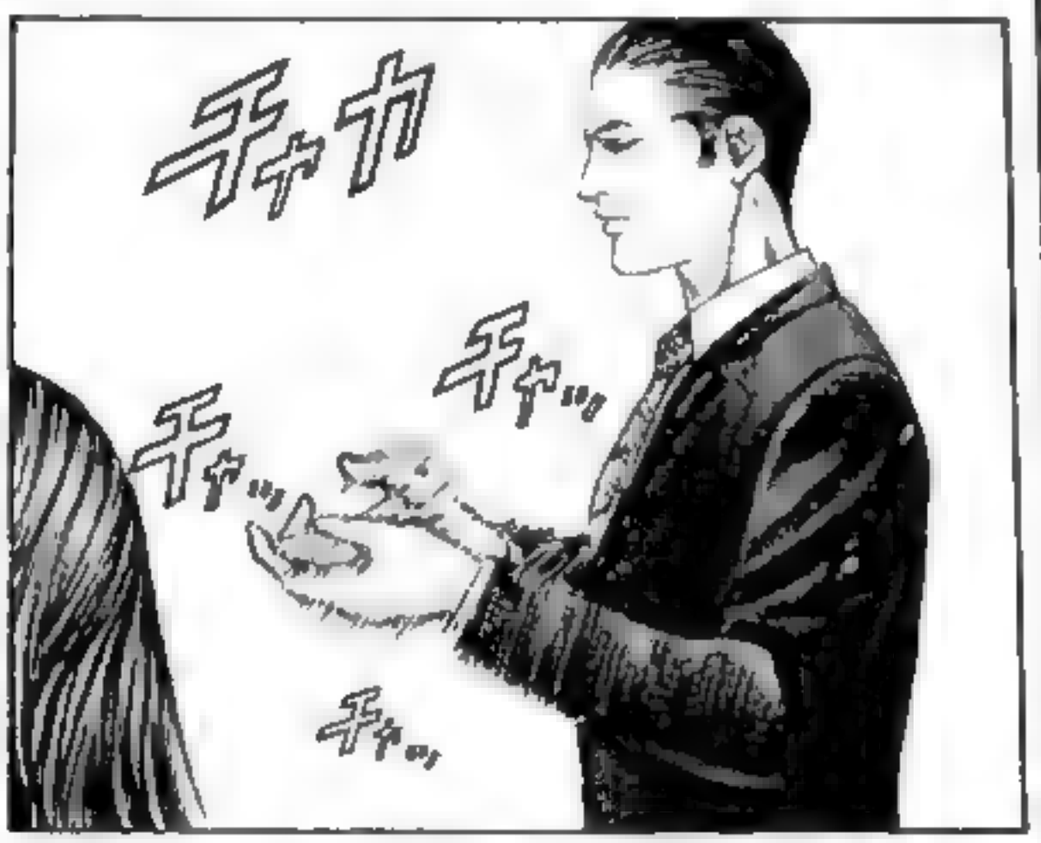
THERE'S NO USE GOING AGAINST THE SPEAR WIELDER... IS IT?

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CHECK.

PERHAPS YOU'RE JUST PRETENDING TO TEST THE WATERS AND ACTUALLY YOU HAVE A GOOD HAND?

OR, OR...

SEEMS LIKE YOU DIDN'T GET A GOOD HAND FROM THE FIRST DEAL...?

MY MY...

I'LL PLAY WITH YOU A BIT.

2 MILLION.

RAISE

2 MILLION.

RAISE

DO YOU FOLD?

SCARY, SCARY... I SHOULD JUST CAUTIOUSLY

OR FOLD...

SHOULD I CALL AND SEE YOUR HAND...

SO WHAT EXACTLY IS IT...?

IT'S NOT UNCOMMON TO GET HEATED ON THE FIRST ROUND THOUGH.

HAHAA, YOU TOOK THE BAIT.

20 MILLION.

RAISE

SEE YOUR TRUE NATURE.

RAISE EVEN HIGHER?

.....

CALL THE 20 MILLION AND SEE MY CARDS?

OR, COULD IT BE...

BUT CAN YOU SEE THROUGH ME?

YOU ARE BEING SEEN THROUGH BY ME RIGHT NOW...

THROW AWAY TWO MILLION, OR....

I'LL LEAVE IT AT CALL.

THIS IS STILL THE FIRST ROUND,

I HAD TEN HIGH... TAKE THE PILE.

ALRIGHT.

.....

DON'T MIND IF I DO... BY THE WAY, I ONLY HAD Q HIGH.

HOW LONG CAN YOU KEEP CALM, I WONDER...

THE MATCH HAS JUST BEGUN.

I WILL SLOWLY BREAK YOU FROM HERE ON.

DON'T GET COCKY...

SO... DID YOU SEE THROUGH ME?

SEEMS LIKE I JUST BARELY WON, BUT IT MEANS A LOT.

.....

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF SPACE TO PLACE MONEY.

NOW THEN.

WAIT... I'M PREPARING MORE...

I REALLY CAN'T WAIT.

!

WHERE'S YOUR MONEY?

I HAVE BEEN LONGING FOR THIS FOR QUITE SOME TIME...

IF YOU'D LIKE TO CONTINUE, I WILL HAVE YOU MAKE A WAGER.

.....

I DON'T SEE YOU HOLDING ANY SPEAR... DID YOU HAPPEN TO GET HIT BY A STRAY BULLET?

IT'S...

IT'S NOT OVER YET...

KAKEROU
MEMBERSHIP.

KAKEROU MEMBER,

SUTEGUMA SATORU.

GODLIKE... ALL OF SUTEGUMA'S VICTORIES IN THAT MATCH HAD BEEN BY A HAIR'S BREADTH.... AND THEN HE, THE GAMBLER WHO CRUSHED FUKUROU...

CONTINUED TO BEAT POKER MASTER, FUKUROU, WITH A GODLIKE STRENGTH AND BECAME A MEMBER.

IN A PREVIOUS MATCH, THIS MAN...

HAD DISAPPEARED SINCE THAT DAY... HE WON A HUGE SUM AGAINST FUKUROU ALONE,

SO WE THOUGHT THAT HE RECEIVED A GRUDGE AND WAS ERASED... A LOSER WHO COULDN'T SWAT AWAY THE DARKNESS OF THE MATCH...

HOW-EVER...

WHEN YOU FIRST PARTICIPATED IN A KAKEROU BATTLE,

I RECALL THAT THE REFEREE WAS NOT NUMBER 0.

TRUE.

MEMBER SUTEGUMA-SAMA,

MY EXCLUSIVE REFEREE IS CURRENTLY PRESIDING OVER ANOTHER MATCH RIGHT NOW...

MY EXCLUSIVE REFEREE IS NUMBER 35, REFEREE WATARI.

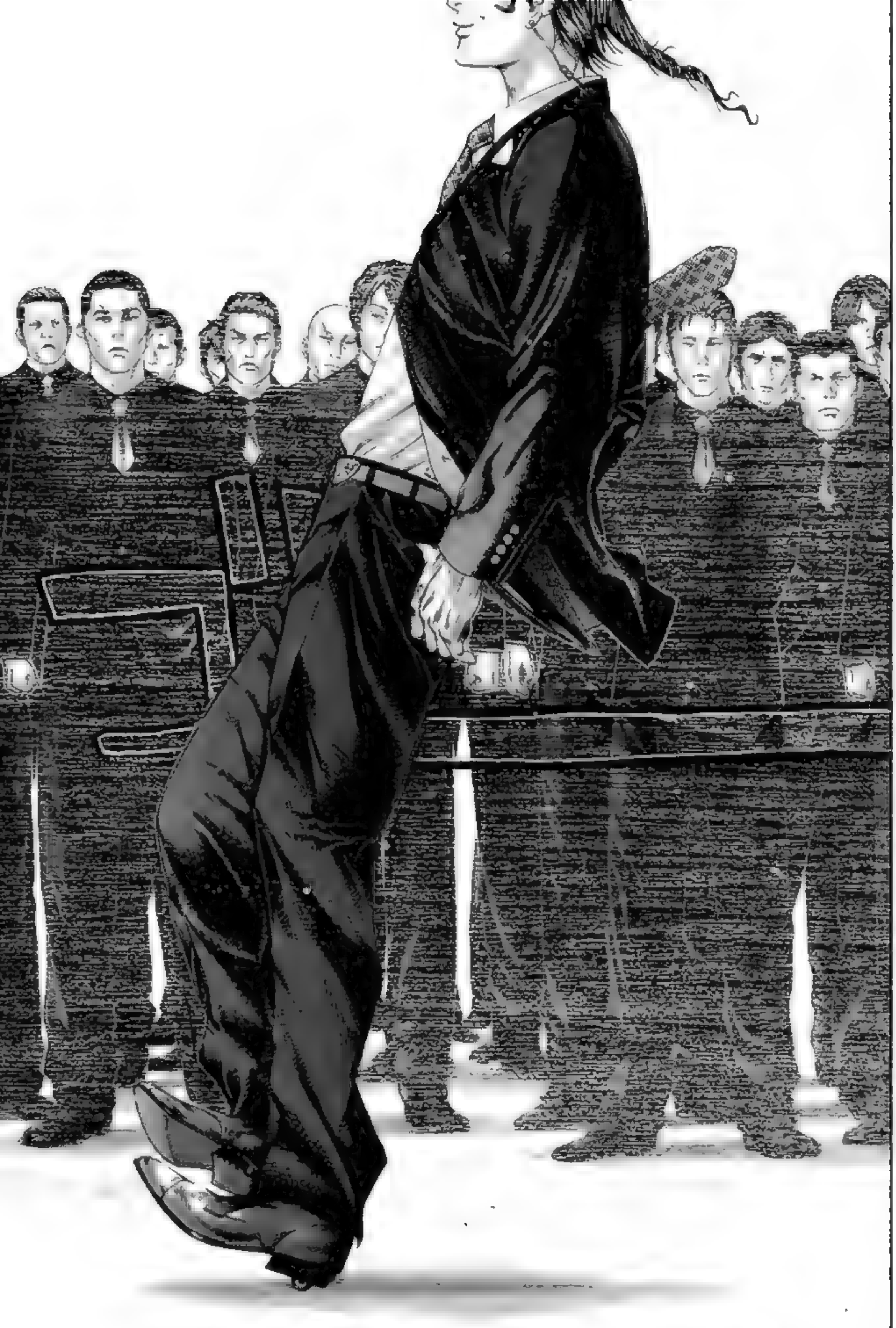
SO THE REFEREE ON HIS WAY NOW IS...

BUT I WAS TOLD THAT

THINKING THAT, I ALSO CONTACTED KAKEROU EARLIER,

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY .....

THE ONE JUDGING ON THE DAY I RECEIVED MY KAKEROU MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS,



KIRUMA TATSUKI,

REFEREE NUMBER ZERO.

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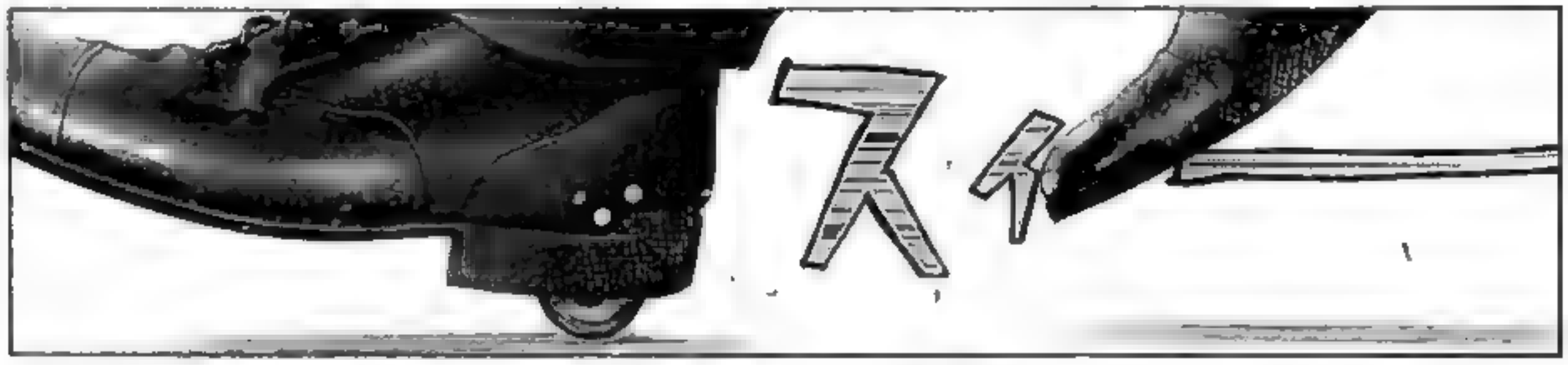


WATCH YOUR HEADS.

PARDON MY TARDINESS, I AM REFEREE NUMBER ZERO,

KIRUMA TATSUKI, IT'S AN HONOR.

SEEMS LIKE THIS IS GOING TO BE A GOOD MATCH.

IT'S NICE AND TENSE IN HERE.

HM,

NO ONE LIKES IT IF YOU'RE TOO PERSIS-TENT.

STARE~

YOU MUST BE MARCO.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

.....

AH...

IT'S USOGUI...

STILL NOT GIVING UP ON SURPAS-SING THE LEADER, ARE YOU?

YOU'RE AN ANNOYING ONE.

DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVE PREDICTED THIS FROM THE...

...OF COURSE NOT.

BAKU-SAMA,

ENCOUN-TERING THE NO. 0 SO SOON...

I CAN TRADE THIS TO YOU FOR THAT WHEELIE SHOE...

I REFUSE!!

THIS IS ENOUGH FOR ALL YOUR WISHES TO COME TRUE.

I HAVE HERE 50 YEN.

HIKOICHI?

WHAT IS IT.

AGAIN... EVEN MORE...

REFEREE KIRUMA.

NOTHING.

YAKOU ……

NOWA ……

THE HUMAN IMAGINATION AMOUNTS TO NOTHING BUT CANNON FODDER.

COMPARED TO THE STRANGE TRUTH,

.....

CO-...

AM KNOCKED OUT BY HOW SHALLOW THE SELF IS...

EVERY TIME WHEN "THAT" ARISES, I...

NO...

MAYBE WHAT'S ABOMI-NABLE...

MY ABOMI-NABLE HUBRIS...

IS TRUELY LIMIT-LESS.....

IS
OUR

BLOOD.

LEADER...

IF SOMEONE IS TRIPPED BY YOU,

HEY HEY, IT'S A PROBLEM IF YOU SLEEP HERE.

IT'S GONNA BE THE CAUSE OF INJURY... WAKE UP...

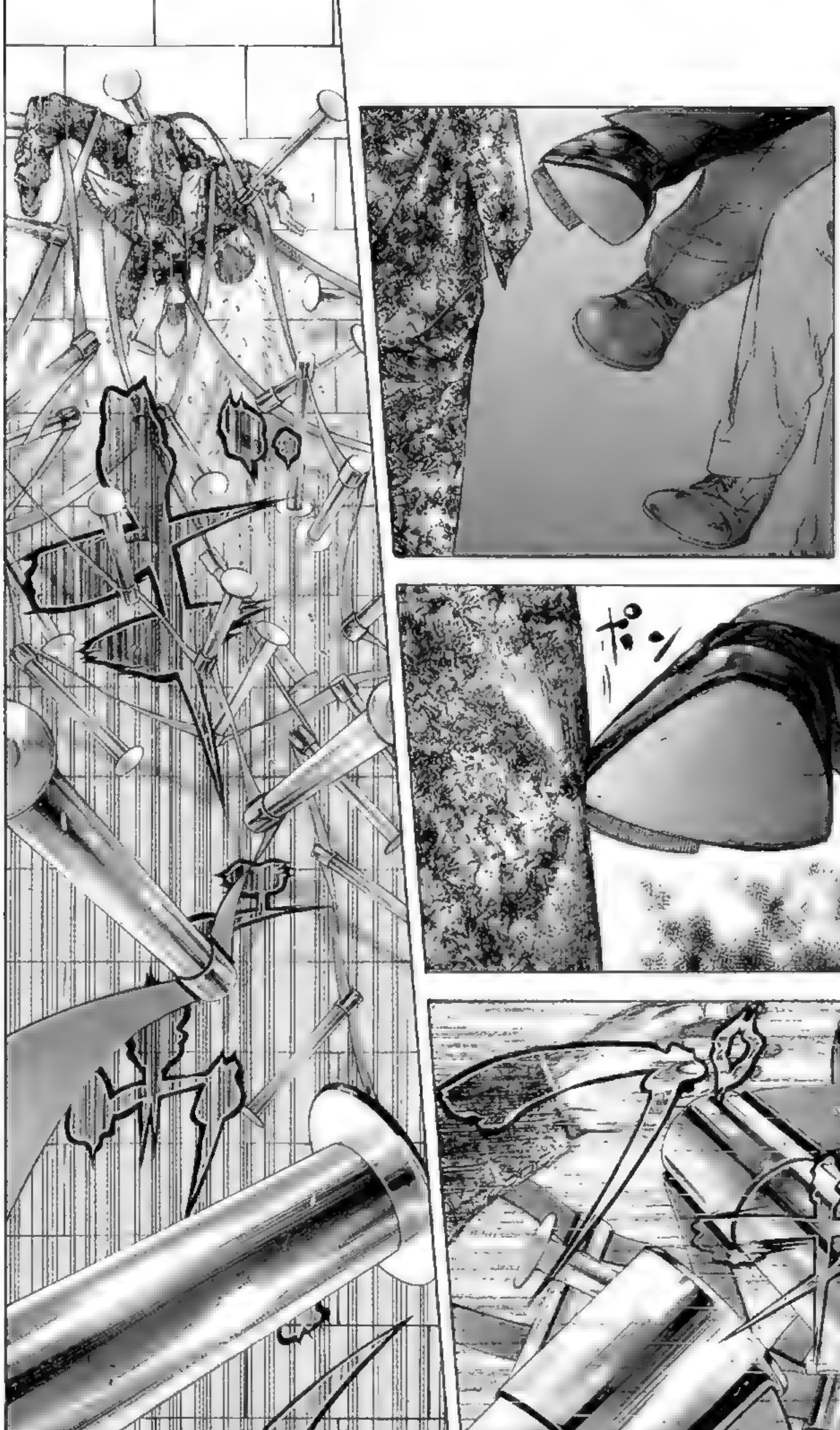
!

LET'S GET THIS MATCH...

YAKOU,

THE TWO ARE IN A HURRY, AREN'T THEY?

STARTED.



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TO THE WINNER GOES
NOW

AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE KARAMETE STRATEGY CONTRIBUTED TO KAKEROU.

THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS FROM LEADER CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

50 BILLION

IS IT OK, KARL...? THE SITUATION GOT WORSE.

IF I HAVE THE CONSENT OF BOTH SIDES, I WILL HAVE MR. KARL BE REMOVED FROM THE MATCH, SO THAT HE CAN CONTINUE TO ATTEND TO THE BROADCAST ROOM.

IN ORDER FOR THE KARAMETE TO SUCCEED, THE RADIO HIJACK THAT MAKES THE TARGETS WANT TO AVOID THE EXPOSURE HAS TO CONTINUE.

THAT IS MERELY A PREDICTION, BUT THE MATCH SHOULD WRAP UP BY THEN.

WITHIN TWO HOURS MINIMUM.

THERE IS A TIME LIMIT.

AND

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ORDER THE SELF DEFENSE FORCE TO SEND OUT A COMMUNICATION JAMMER

I'M FINE WITH IT.

MAYBE THEY'RE SUSPECTING ME OF PLACING SOME TRAPS OR SOME-THING...?

BUT THE OTHER SIDE, HOW DO I PUT IT...

IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO TIME TO INSPECT THE TOWER FOR THE MATCH.

IT'S FINE.

I ALREADY KNEW THINGS WOULD TURN OUT THIS WAY.

WE WILL PROCEED RIGHT AWAY UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, DOES EVERYONE AGREE?

SUTEGUMA SATORU, WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS MAN?

BUT THIS GUY IS TOO GOOD.

COULD HE BE...

ARRIVING AT THE PERFECT TIMING, MAKING USOGUI BET EVERYTHING WHILE HE BETS NOTHING.

WHOEVER WINS THIS MATCH WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SURPASSING THE LEADER.

SO IT'S ALRIGHT?

AND EVEN KNOWING THAT, LEADER STILL AGREED TO IT.

IF WE ASSUME HE'S PART OF IDEAL, EVERYTHING MAKES SENSE.

THE POSSIBILITY IS HIGH... HE READ ALL OF USOGUI'S ACTIONS AND WAITED FOR THIS CHANCE.

HOWEVER, EVEN IF SUTEGUMA HAS TIES TO IDEAL,

HE WILL DISGUISE THAT RELATION CLEVERLY, NOTHING WOULD TURN UP NOW.

BESIDES...

IDEAL...!!

SINCE THE MATCH IS APPOINTED TO US, REFEREE KIRUMA AND I WILL DECIDE THE RULES OF IT.

THEN LET'S BEGIN.

THE MATCH HAS ALREADY BEEN OFFICIALIZED.

BUT WE HAVE DECIDED ON THE ONE MOST SUITED FOR THIS SITUATION.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MATCHES THAT KAKEROU HAS AVAILABLE FOR THE TOWER,

THE BASIS IS SIMPLE BUT QUITE DEEP, I AM SURE YOU WILL ALL ENJOY IT.

NOW FOR THE EXPLANATION.

WITH A REVERSE SEARCH, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE SOURCE OF THE RADIO WAVES.

THE SIGNAL SOURCE IS AS WE THOUGHT, FROM THE OLD RADIO TOWER, THE EMPIRE TOWER.

PRRR

PRRR

ALRIGHT, STANDBY FOR FURTHER ORDERS FROM HQ.

DO YOU KNOW THE SITUA-TION ON SITE?

KIKA

THOSE THAT HAVE REACHED THE SITE ARE THE PATROLLING POLICE FROM NEARBY, BUT SOME UNKNOWN MEN ARE GUARDING THE AREA, SO THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ENTER.

YOU... IT'S AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

YES SIR.

SHALL I HEAD OUT?

CLICK

IT'S ME.

.....

ALRIGHT, WAIT A SECOND.

.....

WHAT?

TRANS-MISSION FROM MPD.

I SAID IT'S AN EMERGENCY, IT DOESN'T MATTER!!

I WILL GAIN THE APPROVAL OF THOSE TWO AFTER WE HANDLE THIS!!

TELL THE *SECURITY BUREAU TO DISPATCH "SAT".

YEAH.

TO DISPATCH THE "SAT", WE NEED TO CONFIRM WITH THE SUPER-INTENDENT GENERAL AND THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY...

DE- DEPUTY COMMIS-SIONER!

*SECURITY BUREAU OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO SECURITY BUREAU, ALL UNITS OF "SAT" ARE HEADED TO THE EMPIRE TOWER.

RIOT POLICE UNIT. UNITS 6 AND 8, SECURE THE PERIMETER.

"SAT" HAVE BEEN DIS-PATCHED!

NEUTRALIZE THE TERRORISTS WHO ARE SENDING THE ILLEGAL BROADCAST. DOOR BREACHING EQUIPMENT AND FIREARMS ARE AUTHORIZED.

I REPEAT!

I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT IT WOULD GO LIKE THIS.

I HAD A BAD FEELING BUT...

I HEARD THAT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SASAOKA HAS DISPATCHED THE "SAT".

CHAPTER 208: THE RECKLESS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

ESPECIALLY TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SASAOKA WHO'S THE COMMANDER OF THE L-FILE.

IT SEEMS LIKE USOGUI'S THREAT WAS A LITTLE BIT TOO SERIOUS,

*THIS MAN IS ONOKAMI MAKOTO, FIRST APPEARED IN CH.68.

NOT ONLY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BUT ALSO THE SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL WILL PROBABLY LOSE EVERYTHING.

NO ONE KNOWS WHICH FACTION THE SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL WHO'S GOING TO RETIRE SOON WILL SUPPORT, SO THE CIRCUMSTANCE IS QUITE SUBTLE... IF THE L-FILE IS EXPOSED,

FOR THE FACTION INSIDE THE POLICE WHO HAS BEEN SEEING THE L-FILE AS A PROBLEM, THIIS IS THE BEST CHANCE TO GET RID OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S FACTION.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, WHO'S AFRAID OF THE POLICE BEING FAULTED, WANTS TO...

MAKE THIS CASE A MYSTERIOUS TERRORIST ATTACK, AND BURY IT INTO THE DARKNESS...

IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS A RECKLESS PLAN FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER...

HE WANTS TO SETTLE THIS CASE BY KILLING ALL THE CRIMINALS OF THE HIJACKING, AND ANNOUNCE THAT THE BROADCAST IS FAKE.

THE DEAD CAN'T TALK.

THE CONTENTS OF THE BROADCAST ARE FAKE.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE POLICE DO HAVE SOME COMMON INTERESTS WITH THE DEPUTY COMMI-SSIONER.

I'M AFRAID THE POLICE WHO WANT TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WILL NOT OPPOSE THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S RECKLESS PLAN. THE CITIZENS ARE ALWAYS SEEKING SACRIFICES.

WITHOUT CARING WHAT THE CITIZENS THINK,

WHAT'S TROUBLESOME IS THAT THE HIJACKING OF RADIO WAVES HAS BEEN AN OBVIOUS TERRORIST ATTACK THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTED THE CITIZENS.

TO FIGHT AGAINST THE "SAT"...?

DOES KAKEROU WANT TO PROTECT THE TOWER AT ALL COSTS

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

THERE ARE STILL SOME PARTS THAT ARE UNPREDICT-ABLE.

LEADER, WHERE ARE YOU?

VROOM

?

VROOM

VROOM

LEADER ...?

I'M HAVING A RIDE.

HUH?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

ONOKAMI-SAN,

WHAT A FOOLISH QUESTION.

MY PENSION IS IN THAT BAG!

AH!

JUDGE.

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TO KAKEROU...

ONCE WE ACCEPT HOSTING A MATCH,

WE HAVE THE RESPONSI-BILITY TO PROTECT THE VENUE...

!!

EVEN IF THE OPPONENT IS THE "SAT",

UH ...

UH ...

HOW DO I REPAY YOU...

WE HAVE TO PROTECT THE TOWER...

AT ALL COSTS.

I BELIEVE NOBODY WANTS THAT BROADCAST TO KEEP GOING.

WILL IT GO WELL?

THE PROBLEM IS HOW WILL THE SUPER-INTENDENT GENERAL AND THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY REACT

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*METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WE'LL HAVE TO FACE AGAINST KAKEROU'S "ACIA", IT WILL BE TROUBLESOME, WON'T IT?

AND THUS,

RIGHT... BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT YOU WOULD DISPATCH THE "SAT", YOU'RE DARING...

NOBODY CAN BLAME ME, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER NANPOU.

KAKEROU IS SUPPORTING THE TERRORISTS, IT'S OBVIOUSLY A CRIME, I WILL TAKE THIS CHANCE TO ELIMINATE THEM COMPLETELY.

WE CAN'T LET THE "ACIA" DO WHATEVER THEY WANT ANYMORE.

CAN ONLY BE YOU, NANPOU.

SINCE AMAKO IS GONE, THE ONE WHO WAS PROMOTED TO HERE, MPD... ONE OF THE PIVOTAL MEMBERS OF THE L-FILE, THE ONE WHOM I CAN ENTRUST THE L-FILE TO...

JUSTICE IS ON OUR SIDE.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CHANCE TO REVIVE THE L-FILE.

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THIRD, A DESPICABLE TRAITOR TO THE COUNTRY, LET'S PURGE HIM, LEADER.

...DEPUTY COMMI-SSIONER SASAOKA.

FIRST, BEING GREEDIER...

SECOND, AN ILLEGAL EVIL AUTHORITY.

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THAN ANYONE ELSE,

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WHAT?

ARE YOU...

PREPARED TO BLEED?

THE LEADER .....

OF KAKEROU.

YOU BASTARD,

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

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CONFISCATION OF ALL COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS,

EVERY-THING IS READY:

THE PASSWORD SETTING OF THE ANONYMOUS ACCOUNT WITH THE 50 BILLION IN IT,

OF THE FOUR OF YOU.

THE RETINA SCAN-NING...

AND

THIS 50 BILLION ACCOUNT,

IT'S OBVIOUS,

SCANNING OUR RETINA...

WHAT'S THAT FOR?

PLEASE STAND IN FRONT OF THAT BOX WITH HOLES ON IT.

ALRIGHT, BAKU-SAMA AND SUTEGUMA-SAMA,

PLEASE COME HERE.

ONLY THE 4 PEOPLE HERE...

CAN ENTER THE PASSWORD.

NO... I SHOULD SAY IT'S 3 PEOPLE.

THERE'S A HOLE ON BOTH SIDES OF IT.

IT'S BLOCKED IN THE MIDDLE, SO BOTH SIDES ARE INDEPENDENT SPACES.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR HAND IS EMPTY, THEN PUT YOUR HAND...

INTO THE HOLE ON YOUR SIDE.

DO YOU REALIZE IT?

THESE THINGS ARE IN THE BOX.

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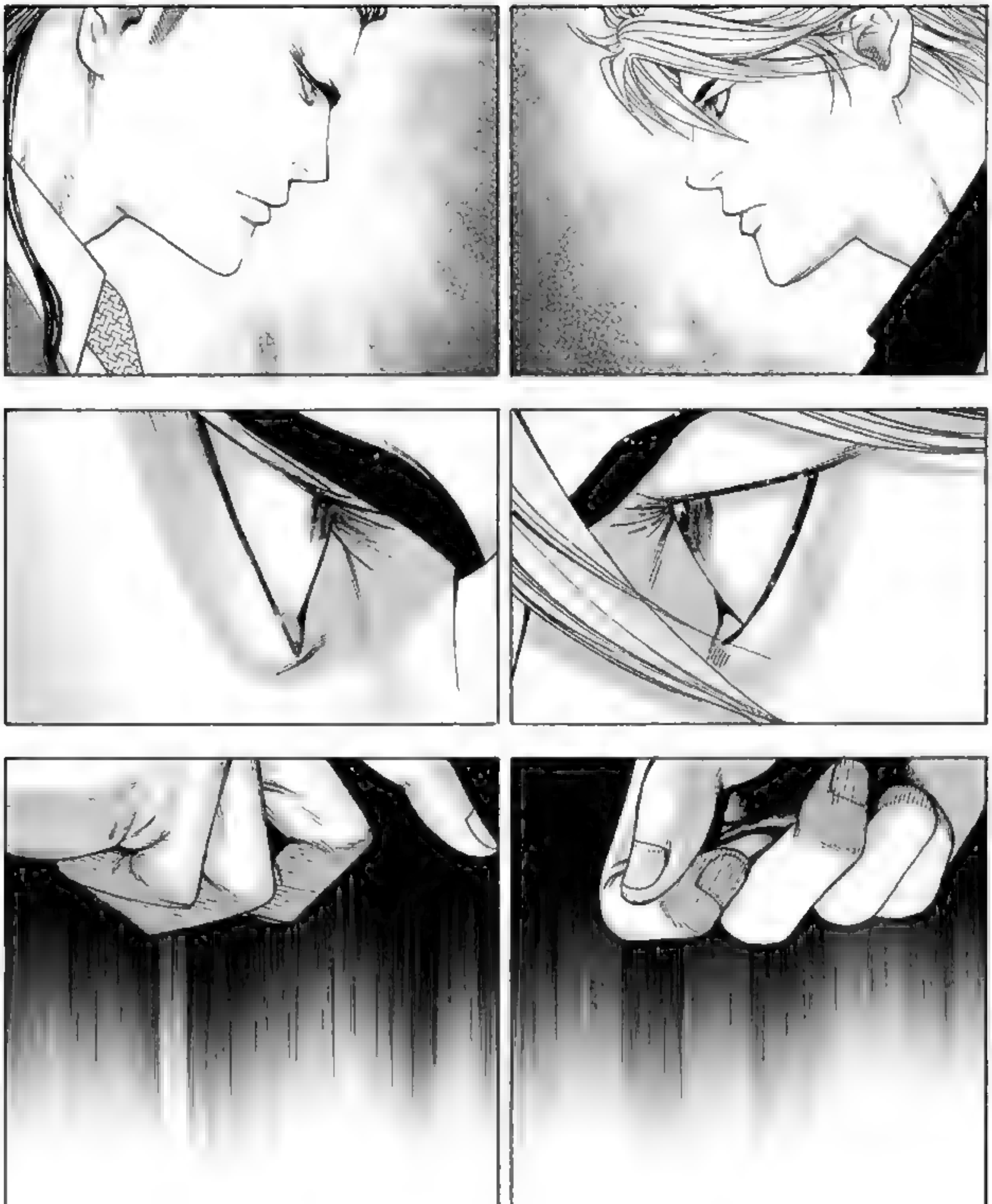
PLEASE TAKE 1 OR MORE THAN 1 BEAD, THEN PULL OUT YOUR HAND.

THEY ARE BEADS.

THERE ARE 10 BEADS IN EACH SIDE.



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HAVE BEEN ENTERED.

THE LAST 2 NUMBERS OF THE ACCOUNT'S PASSWORD

NOW,

ARE THE SUM OF THE BEADS IN YOUR HANDS.

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THE 2 NUMBERS THAT WERE ENTERED ...

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PLEASE BE CAREFUL, DON'T LET OTHERS SEE THE BEADS IN YOUR HAND.

IF THE ONE WHO LOGS IN THE ACCOUNT CHANGES THE PASSWORD, OTHERS CAN'T LAY A HAND ON THAT ACCOUNT ANYMORE.

THIS BOX CAN DETECT THE WEIGHT OF THE REST OF THE BEADS, AND WILL ENTER THE NUMBERS AUTOMATI-CALLY.

NOBODY KNOWS THE SUM AT THIS MOMENT, OF COURSE WE DON'T EITHER.

UNDERSTOOD? FROM NOW ON, IF YOU CAN ENTER THE RIGHT NUMBERS, YOU CAN LOG IN THE ACCOUNT.

THE TERMINAL IS ON THE TOP OF THE TOWER.

THE ONE WHO ENTERS THE CORRECT PASSWORD ON THE TOP OF THE TOWER

WILL BE THE WINNER OF THIS MATCH.

IN OTHER WORDS, NOW YOU WILL HAVE TO TRY TO EXPOSE THE NUMBER OF THE BEADS...

IN THE OPPONENT'S HAND.

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USOGUI SIDE STORY

RIGHT... THAT'S IT. SO YOU HAVE NOTICED IT, RIGHT?

EVERYONE... DID YOU NOTICE IT?

THE TITLE PAGE OF THE LAST VOLUME... AND ITS SIDE STORY ARE JUST LIKE THAT.

"I AM DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS. ONLY I WON'T BECOME LIKE THAT."... I WAS THINKING LIKE THIS IN THE BEGINNING.

I HAVE HAD THIS FEELING SINCE THE BEGIN-NING.

SOONER OR LATER, I KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME...

WITH THIS, YOU CAN APPLY AS MUCH AS YOU WANT, AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MISTAKES.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS.

OR MAYBE IT'LL CRASH AND MAKE EVERYTHING BE IN VAIN... OR THERE MAY BE A POWER FAILURE...

FOR EXAMPLE, CAN IT DO THE SAME BLUR EFFECT LIKE A HAND DRAWING?

OF COURSE THERE IS STILL SOMETHING THAT WORRIES ME.

ETC...

THAT I MAY LOSE "THE FEELING OF TENSION" WHILE DRAWING!!

OPEN

OR BECAUSE THE REDO IS SO CONVENIENT

VERY SCARY. SO I'M SORRY

TRYING NEW THINGS IS SCARY...

HUH? YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT?

THAT I HAVE TO VOLUNTEER MYSELF AND BECOME A LAB RAT, SO I CAN BE PREPARED FOR THE DAY THAT WILL COME SOONER OR LATER.

A DREAM...?

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